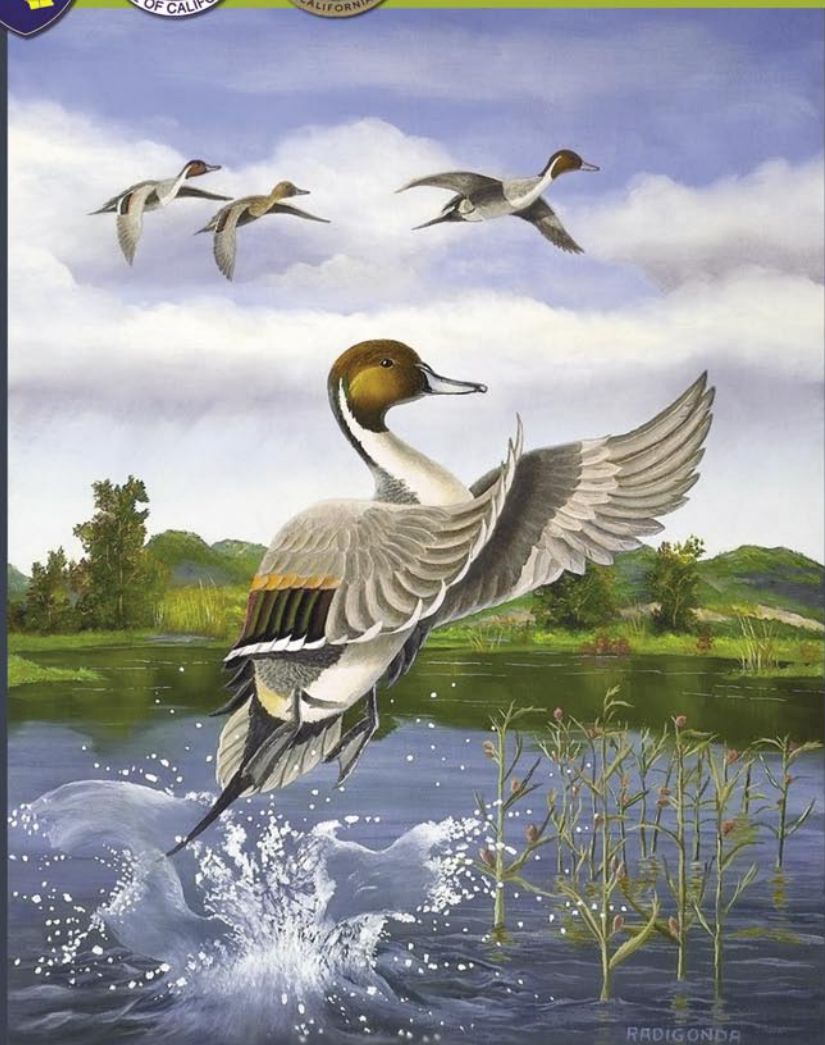


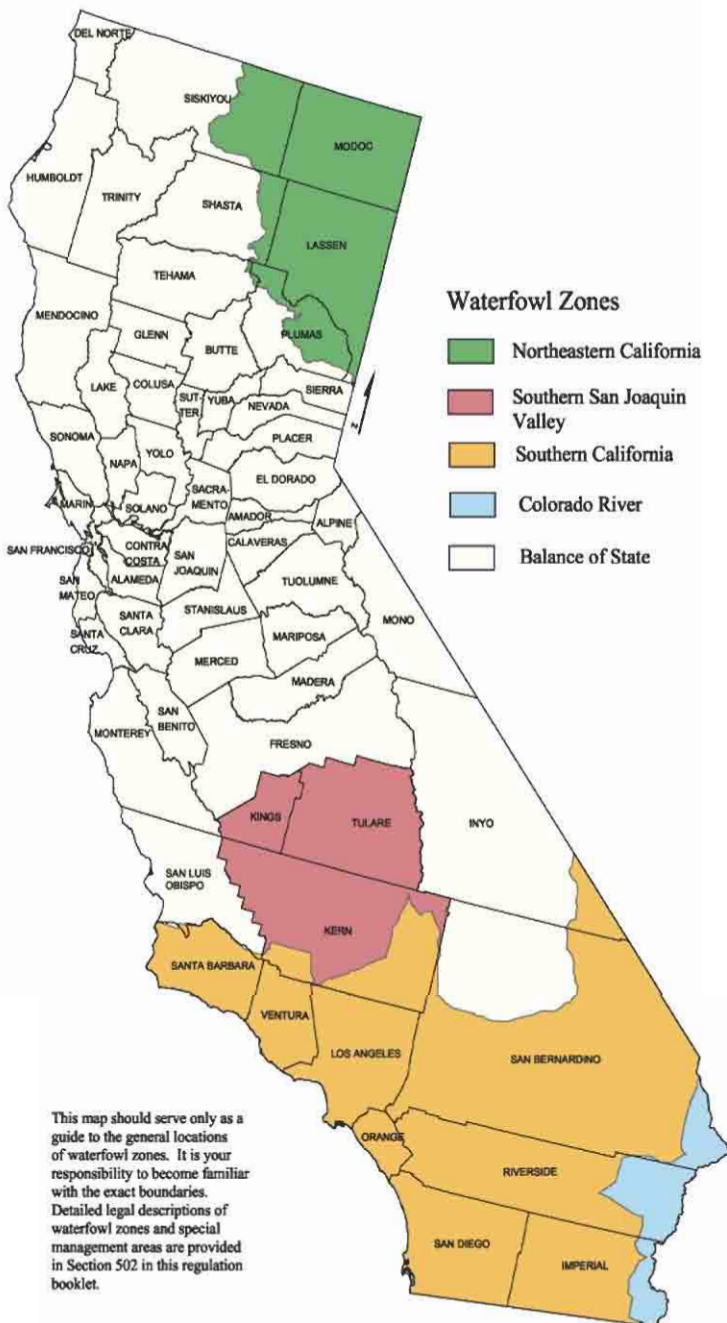
# California Regulations

## Waterfowl Hunting Upland Game Hunting State and Federal Areas



# 2005





This map should serve only as a guide to the general locations of waterfowl zones. It is your responsibility to become familiar with the exact boundaries. Detailed legal descriptions of waterfowl zones and special management areas are provided in Section 502 in this regulation booklet.

# 2005

## California Hunting Regulations: Waterfowl, Upland Game, State & Federal Areas

*Effective*  
**July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006,**  
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## Information Related to Hunting Laws and Regulations

Laws (passed by the Legislature) and regulations (adopted by the Fish and Game Commission) are formulated to protect wildlife and to provide for an equitable distribution of harvestable animals. The hunter who knows the laws and regulations can enjoy the hunting experience confident that he or she is "within the law". California's 2005 hunting seasons, bag limits, and permitted hunting methods are contained in this booklet. These regulations, adopted by the Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code, have been filed with the Office of Administrative Law, and with the Secretary of State and are included in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

In addition to the regulations which follow, laws passed by the State Legislature concerning hunting and game are contained in the Fish and Game Code and in the California Penal Code.

There are also federal laws regarding the possession, transportation and baiting of migratory game birds.

## If you have questions after reading these regulations, use the following Department of Fish and Game contacts to inquire:

The Department of Fish & Game's home page address is

**www.dfg.ca.gov**

### License and Revenue Branch

(For information on licenses and tags)

3211 S Street, Sacramento 95816

(916) 227-2245

### Headquarters

Box 944209, Sacramento 94244-2090

(916) 653-7664

### Northern California & North Coast Region

Encompassing the following counties: *Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity*

601 Locust Street, Redding 96001

(530) 225-2300

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Encompassing the following counties: *Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba*

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3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220

Ontario, CA 91764

(909) 484-0167

## Participating in the Regulatory Process

The Fish and Game Commission is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commission sets hunting and sport fishing regulations including seasons, bag limits, methods and areas of take. In addition, the Commission formulates general policies for the Department of Fish and Game and regulates aspects of commercial fishing. The Commission annually considers changes in waterfowl hunting regulations that can not be more liberal than frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The public may make recommendations in writing before the June meeting or present its proposals verbally at that meeting. Regulations are adopted in August. The Commission considers changes in Upland Game Bird and Wildlife Area regulations every 3 years. The next scheduled year for changes for these regulations is in 2007. The public may make recommendations in writing before the June meeting or present its proposals verbally at that meeting. Regulations are adopted in August. The Commission's meeting schedule, including specific dates and locations, is posted on their web site [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov). Written comments can be directed to the Fish and Game Commission at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by e-mail to [fgc@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@dfg.ca.gov). Comments sent by e-mail must include a full name and mailing address.

# LICENSE INFORMATION

## Hunting Licenses and Tag Fees

Includes 5% license agent handling fee.

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

### Hunting Licenses

<b>Resident</b> .....	<b>\$33.35</b>
<b>Nonresident</b> .....	<b>115.75</b>
<b>Two-Day Nonresident</b> .....	<b>33.35</b>
<b>Junior (age 15 and under)</b> .....	<b>8.65</b>
<b>Duplicate (annual licenses only)</b> .....	<b>6.85</b>

### Stamps

<b>California Duck *</b> .....	<b>\$14.20</b>
<b>Federal Duck **</b> .....	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Upland Game Bird *</b> .....	<b>6.85</b>

\*Not required for junior license holders.

\*\*Required for hunters 16 and older.

### Reservation Applications

<b>One-Choice</b> .....	<b>\$1.30</b>
<b>Five-Choice</b> .....	<b>6.55</b>

### Passes/Permits

<b>Type-A Season Pass</b> .....	<b>\$112.10</b>
<b>Type-B Season Pass</b> .....	<b>37.30</b>
<b>Type-A One-Day Entry Permit</b> .....	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>Type-A Two-Day Pass</b> .....	<b>24.15</b>

Your license purchase supports conservation and management of California's wildlife.

## License Provisions

A California hunting license is required for taking any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them on request. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown on request.

**Residency:** A resident is defined as any person who has resided continuously in California for six months immediately before the date of application for a license, tag or permit; persons on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch; or Job Corps enrollees.

## Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses

A \$5.25 hunting license is available for qualified disabled veterans. To be eligible, applicants must submit: (1) a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that the applicant has a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability and was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and (2) evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements. Applicants renewing this license may submit their disabled veteran hunting license from the previous year as proof of meeting eligibility requirements. The reduced-fee provisions do not apply to hunting tags or species stamps.

Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses are issued only through DFG Offices.

## Validation of Licenses

To be valid, every California hunting or sport fishing license shall be signed by the licensee, and the license or validation stamp shall show the date of issue. In addition, the license shall contain the following information about the applicant: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, color of eyes, color of hair, weight, sex and, if available, driver's license number, or DMV I.D. number.

## Hunter Education Requirement

Licenses shall be issued to hunters only upon presentation of one of the following: An annual California hunting license from a prior year or evidence of having held such a license; a two-day California nonresident hunting license issued after the 1999/2000 license year; a California hunter education completion or equivalency certificate; a certificate of competence or completion of a California approved hunter education training course from any state or Canadian province; or a current year hunting license from any state.

A California hunter education validation stamp must be affixed to hunter education certificates from California.

Hunter Education Validation Stamp .....	\$3.15
Duplicate California Hunter Education Certificates* .....	\$4.25

\*Certificates issued after 1989.

For more information or class schedules, contact any DFG office or check online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered)

## Duplicate Hunting Licenses

California hunting licenses come with a license receipt copy. If you lose your hunting license, you must turn in your license receipt at a license agent or Department office to obtain a duplicate for \$6.85 (species stamps must be replaced at full fee).

Keep your license receipt copy in a safe place! If you lose your license and your receipt, you must pay the full fee to replace your license. You may also use your license receipt when renewing your hunting license in the future as evidence of a prior year's California hunting license.

## Refunds

California resident and nonresident hunting licenses are nonrefundable.

# 2005 - 2006 Shooting Hours — Northern California

Date	EUREKA		TULELAKE – KLAMATH BASIN		COLUSA		SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA		SACRAMENTO		LOS BANOS	
	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)
<b>September</b>												
<b>1</b>	6:13 – 7:49		6:01 – 7:41		6:06 – 7:39		6:09 – 7:39		6:05 – 7:36		6:05 – 7:32	
<b>3</b>	6:15 – 7:46		6:03 – 7:37		6:08 – 7:36		6:11 – 7:36		6:07 – 7:33		6:06 – 7:30	
<b>10</b>	6:22 – 7:35		6:11 – 7:25		6:14 – 7:24		6:17 – 7:26		6:13 – 7:22		6:12 – 7:19	
<b>17</b>	6:29 – 7:23		6:17 – 7:12		6:21 – 7:13		6:23 – 7:15		6:19 – 7:11		6:17 – 7:10	
<b>24</b>	6:36 – 7:11		6:25 – 7:00		6:27 – 7:02		6:29 – 7:04		6:25 – 7:00		6:23 – 6:58	
<b>October</b>												
<b>1</b>	6:43 – 6:59		6:32 – 6:47		6:34 – 6:51		6:35 – 6:53		6:32 – 6:49		6:29 – 6:48	
<b>8</b>	6:50 – 6:48		6:40 – 6:36		6:40 – 6:40		6:41 – 6:43		6:38 – 6:38		6:35 – 6:37	
<b>15</b>	6:58 – 6:37		6:48 – 6:25		6:47 – 6:30		6:48 – 6:33		6:45 – 6:28		6:41 – 6:28	
<b>22</b>	7:05 – 6:26		6:55 – 6:14		6:55 – 6:20		6:55 – 6:23		6:52 – 6:19		6:48 – 6:19	
<b>29</b>	7:13 – 6:17		7:04 – 6:04		7:02 – 6:10		7:02 – 6:15		6:59 – 6:10		6:54 – 6:10	
<b>30*</b>	6:15 – 5:16		6:05 – 5:03		6:03 – 5:09		6:03 – 5:14		6:00 – 5:09		5:55 – 5:09	
<b>November</b>												
<b>5</b>	6:22 – 5:08		6:13 – 4:55		6:10 – 5:02		6:09 – 5:07		6:07 – 5:02		6:01 – 5:03	
<b>12</b>	6:30 – 5:01		6:21 – 4:48		6:18 – 4:55		6:17 – 5:01		6:14 – 4:55		6:09 – 4:57	
<b>19</b>	6:38 – 4:56		6:29 – 4:42		6:26 – 4:50		6:24 – 4:56		6:22 – 4:50		6:16 – 4:52	
<b>26</b>	6:46 – 4:52		6:37 – 4:38		6:34 – 4:47		6:31 – 4:52		6:30 – 4:47		6:23 – 4:49	
<b>December</b>												
<b>3</b>	6:53 – 4:49		6:45 – 4:35		6:40 – 4:45		6:38 – 4:51		6:37 – 4:45		6:29 – 4:48	
<b>10</b>	7:00 – 4:49		6:52 – 4:35		6:47 – 4:45		6:44 – 4:51		6:43 – 4:45		6:35 – 4:48	
<b>17</b>	7:05 – 4:50		6:57 – 4:36		6:52 – 4:47		6:49 – 4:52		6:48 – 4:47		6:40 – 4:49	
<b>24</b>	7:09 – 4:54		7:01 – 4:40		6:55 – 4:50		6:53 – 4:56		6:51 – 4:50		6:44 – 4:53	
<b>31</b>	7:11 – 4:59		7:03 – 4:45		6:58 – 4:55		6:55 – 5:01		6:54 – 4:55		6:46 – 4:57	
<b>January</b>												
<b>7</b>	7:11 – 5:05		7:03 – 4:51		6:58 – 5:01		6:56 – 5:07		6:54 – 5:01		6:47 – 5:03	
<b>14</b>	7:09 – 5:12		7:01 – 4:59		6:57 – 5:08		6:54 – 5:13		6:53 – 5:08		6:46 – 5:10	
<b>21</b>	7:06 – 5:21		6:57 – 5:07		6:54 – 5:16		6:52 – 5:21		6:50 – 5:15		6:43 – 5:17	
<b>28</b>	7:01 – 5:29		6:52 – 5:16		6:49 – 5:24		6:47 – 5:29		6:45 – 5:22		6:39 – 5:25	
<b>29</b>	7:00 – 5:30		6:51 – 5:17		6:48 – 5:25		6:46 – 5:30		6:44 – 5:24		6:38 – 5:26	

\* Daylight savings time ends.

# 2005 - 2006 Shooting Hours — Southern California

Date	PASO ROBLES		KERN COUNTY BAKERSFIELD		BISHOP OWENS VALLEY		LOS ANGELES		SAN DIEGO		IMPERIAL VALLEY	
	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)	AM (1/2 hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)
September	1	6:06 - 7:32	5:58 - 7:24	5:54 - 7:23	5:56 - 7:19	5:53 - 7:14	5:44 - 7:05					
	3	6:08 - 7:29	6:00 - 7:21	5:55 - 7:20	5:58 - 7:16	5:54 - 7:11	5:45 - 7:02					
	10	6:13 - 7:19	6:05 - 7:11	6:01 - 7:09	6:02 - 7:07	5:59 - 7:02	5:50 - 6:53					
	17	6:18 - 7:09	6:10 - 7:01	6:07 - 6:58	6:07 - 6:57	6:03 - 6:52	5:55 - 6:44					
	24	6:23 - 6:58	6:15 - 6:50	6:13 - 6:48	6:12 - 6:47	6:08 - 6:43	6:00 - 6:35					
October	1	6:28 - 6:47	6:21 - 6:40	6:19 - 6:37	6:17 - 6:38	6:13 - 6:34	6:06 - 6:27					
	8	6:33 - 6:38	6:26 - 6:31	6:25 - 6:27	6:22 - 6:28	6:17 - 6:25	6:10 - 6:18					
	15	6:39 - 6:28	6:32 - 6:21	6:31 - 6:17	6:28 - 6:19	6:23 - 6:16	6:16 - 6:09					
	22	6:45 - 6:20	6:38 - 6:13	6:38 - 6:08	6:34 - 6:11	6:28 - 6:08	6:22 - 6:01					
	29	6:52 - 6:12	6:45 - 6:05	6:45 - 5:59	6:40 - 6:03	6:34 - 6:01	6:28 - 5:55					
November	30*	5:53 - 5:11	5:46 - 5:04	5:46 - 4:58	5:41 - 5:02	5:34 - 5:00	5:28 - 4:54					
	5	5:58 - 5:05	5:51 - 4:58	5:52 - 4:52	5:46 - 4:57	5:40 - 4:55	5:34 - 4:48					
	12	6:05 - 4:59	5:58 - 4:52	5:59 - 4:45	5:53 - 4:51	5:46 - 4:49	5:40 - 4:43					
	19	6:12 - 4:55	6:05 - 4:48	6:07 - 4:41	5:59 - 4:47	5:52 - 4:46	5:46 - 4:40					
	26	6:19 - 4:52	6:12 - 4:45	6:14 - 4:37	6:06 - 4:45	5:58 - 4:43	5:53 - 4:37					
December	3	6:25 - 4:50	6:18 - 4:43	6:21 - 4:36	6:12 - 4:43	6:05 - 4:42	5:59 - 4:36					
	10	6:31 - 4:51	6:24 - 4:44	6:27 - 4:36	6:18 - 4:44	6:10 - 4:43	6:05 - 4:37					
	17	6:36 - 4:53	6:29 - 4:46	6:32 - 4:37	6:22 - 4:46	6:15 - 4:45	6:09 - 4:39					
	24	6:40 - 4:56	6:33 - 4:49	6:35 - 4:41	6:26 - 4:49	6:18 - 4:48	6:13 - 4:42					
	31	6:42 - 5:00	6:35 - 4:53	6:38 - 4:45	6:28 - 4:54	6:21 - 4:53	6:15 - 4:47					
January	7	6:43 - 5:06	6:36 - 4:59	6:38 - 4:52	6:29 - 4:59	6:22 - 4:58	6:16 - 4:52					
	14	6:42 - 5:13	6:35 - 5:06	6:37 - 4:58	6:29 - 5:06	6:21 - 5:04	6:16 - 4:58					
	21	6:40 - 5:20	6:33 - 5:13	6:34 - 5:06	6:27 - 5:12	6:20 - 5:11	6:14 - 5:05					
	28	6:36 - 5:27	6:29 - 5:20	6:30 - 5:13	6:23 - 5:19	6:16 - 5:18	6:10 - 5:12					
	29	6:35 - 5:28	6:28 - 5:21	6:29 - 5:14	6:22 - 5:20	6:16 - 5:18	6:10 - 5:12					

\* Daylight savings time ends.

# WATERFOWL REGULATIONS

## Summary of Waterfowl Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

- Duck seasons longer in most zones
- Pintail season is the same length as the duck season in all zones
- White goose bag limits increased in all zones
- Small Canada goose limits increased in some zones
- Scaup limits reduced in all zones
- Imperial County late goose season eliminated
- Brant season reduced in length, two zones created

See  
Zone Map  
on inside  
back cover

## Statewide and Zone Waterfowl Regulations

### 502. Waterfowl, Migratory; American Coot and Common Moorhen (Common Gallinule).

#### (a) Definitions.

(1) Dark geese. Dark geese include Canada geese, cackling geese, Aleutian geese and white-fronted geese ("specklebelly").

(2) Large Canada geese. Large Canada geese include western Canada geese ("honker") and lesser Canada geese ("lessers").

(3) Small Canada geese. Small (about the size of a mallard) Canada geese include cackling geese and Aleutian geese. Both are white-cheeked geese nearly identical in appearance to Large Canada geese. Aleutian geese have a thin white neck ring and Cackling geese have dark breasts. Both species have a high-pitched cackle as opposed to the deeper "honking".

(4) White geese. White geese include Ross' geese and snow geese.

#### (b) Waterfowl Hunting Zones.

(1) Northeastern California Zone: In that portion of California lying east and north of a line beginning at the intersection of the Klamath River with the California-Oregon line; south and west along the Klamath River to the mouth of Shovel Creek; along Shovel Creek to its intersection with Forest

Service Road 46N05 at Burnt Camp; west to its junction with Forest Service Road 46N10; south and east to its Junction with County Road 7K007; south and west to its junction with Forest Service Road 45N22; south and west to its junction with Highway 97 at Grass Lake Summit; south along to its junction with Interstate 5 at the town of Weed south to its junction with Highway 89; east and south along Highway 89 to main street Greenville; north and east to its junction with North Valley Road; south to its junction of Diamond Mountain Road; north and east to its junction with North Arm Road; south and west to the junction of North Valley Road; south to the junction with Arlington Road (A22); west to the junction of Highway 89; south and west to the junction of Highway 70; east on Highway 70 to Highway 395; south and east on Highway 395 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line; north along the California-Nevada state line to the junction of the California-Nevada-Oregon state lines west along the California-Oregon state line to the point of origin.

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: All of Kings and Tulare counties and that portion of Kern County north of the Southern California Zone.

(3) Southern California Zone: In that portion of southern California (but excluding the



Colorado River zone) lying south and east of a line beginning at the mouth of the Santa Maria River at the Pacific Ocean; east along the Santa Maria River to where it crosses Highway 166 near the City of Santa Maria; east on Highway 166 to the junction with Highway 99; south on Highway 99 to the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains at Tejon Pass; east and north along the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains to where it intersects Highway 178 at Walker Pass; east on Highway 178 to the junction of Highway 395 at the town of Inyokern; south on Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to the junction of Interstate 15; east on Interstate 15 to the junction with Highway 127; north on Highway 127 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line.

(4) Colorado River Zone: In those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties lying east of the following lines: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 95 with the California-Nevada state line; south along Highway 95 to Vidal Junction; south through the town of Rice to the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on a road known as "Aqueduct Road" in San Bernardino County; south from the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on road known in Riverside County as the "Desert Center to Rice Road" to the town of Desert Center; east 31 miles on Interstate 10 to its intersection with the Wiley Well Road; south on this road to Wiley Well; southeast along the Army-Milpitas Road to the Blythe, Brawley, Davis Lake intersections; south on the Blythe-Brawley paved road to its intersection with the Ogilby and Tumco Mine Road; south on this road to Highway 80; east seven miles on Highway 80 to its intersection with the Andrade-Algodones Road; south on this paved road to the intersection of the Mexican boundary line at Algodones, Mexico.

(5) Balance of State Zone: That portion of the state not included in Northeastern California, Southern California, Colorado River or the Southern San Joaquin Valley zones.

#### (A) Special Management Areas

1. North Coast. All of Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

2. Humboldt Bay (South). Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary of Table Bluff County Park and the South Jetty Road; north along the South Jetty Road to the South Jetty; west along the South Jetty

to the mean low water line of the Pacific Ocean; south along mean water line to its intersection with the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park; east along the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park to the point of origin.

3. Sacramento Valley (West). Beginning at the town of Willows; south on Interstate 5 to the junction with Hahn Road; east on Hahn Road and the Grimes-Arbuckle Road to the town of Grimes; north on Highway 45 to its junction with Highway 162; north on Highway 45-162 to the town of Glenn; west on Highway 162 to the point of beginning.

4. Morro Bay. Beginning at a point where the high tide line intersects the State Park boundary west of Cuesta by the Sea; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line at the end of Mitchell Drive in Baywood Park; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line west of the Morro Bay State Park Boundary, adjacent to Baywood Park; north to a point 300 yards south of the high tide line at the end of White Point; north along a line 400 yards offshore of the south boundary of the Morro Bay City limit to a point adjacent to Fairbanks Point; northwesterly to the high tide line on the sand spit; southerly along the high tide line of the sand spit to the south end of Morro Bay; easterly along the Park boundary at the high tide line to the beginning point.

5. Martis Creek Lake. The waters and shoreline of Martis Creek Lake, Placer and Nevada counties.

6. Northern Brant. Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties.

7. Balance of State Brant. That portion of the state not included in the Northern Brant Special Management Area.

### 505. Decoys.

The use of live birds as decoys is prohibited.

### 506. Shooting Hours.

Shooting hours for migratory game birds, including mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, American coots, common moorhens, common snipe (jacksnipe), and waterfowl for all of California shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Exception: In areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, the shooting time shall be from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

## 507. Provisions Related to the Taking of Migratory Game Birds.

### (a) Authorized Methods.

Only the following methods may be used to take migratory game birds:

- (1) Falconry.
- (2) Bow and Arrows or Crossbows. Only arrows or crossbow bolts with flu-flu fletching may be used except that conventionally fletched arrows may be used to take waterfowl sitting on the water from scullboats or similar watercraft. Archers hunting during any archery season may not possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting.
- (3) Muzzle-loading Shotguns.
- (4) Shotguns 10 Gauge or Smaller. Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined may be used, except no shotgun larger than 12 gauge shall be used in areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun. Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB in lead or T shot in steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

### (b) Use of Dogs.

Dogs may be used to take and retrieve migratory game birds.

### (c) Prohibition on Electronic or Mechanically-operated Devices.

Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds. It is unlawful to use electronic or mechanically-operated spinning blade devices or spinning wing decoys when attempting to take waterfowl from the start of waterfowl season through November 30. For the purposes of this regulation, wind-powered spinning blade devices and kites are not prohibited.

### (d) Live Decoy Prohibition.

The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds.

## 507.1 Nontoxic Shot Requirement for Waterfowl, American Coot and Common Moorhen Hunting.

Only steel, nickle-plated steel, tin, copper-plated steel, zinc chromate-plated steel, zinc chloride-plated steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten matrix, tungsten polymer, tungsten iron, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-tin-iron-nickle, tungsten-bronze, and tungsten-tin-bismuth or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or possessed for waterfowl, American coot and common moorhen hunting statewide.

**NOTE: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviews and may approve applications for other types of non-toxic shot throughout the year. Other non-toxic shot types that may have been approved after the publication of this booklet may be found at: [http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/issues/nontoxic\\_shot/nontoxic.htm](http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm).**

## 507.5. Scull Boats.

Migratory game birds may not be taken by a scull boat or similar watercraft while under motorized power. The motor shall be removed from its mountings before any take or approach is attempted.

This section shall not prohibit shooting migratory game birds from scull boats or similar watercraft with motor attached if beached or anchored; nor shall it prohibit the use of a motor for the sole purpose of picking up dead or injured birds.

## 509. Concurrence with Federal Regulations.

The regulations adopted by the United States through its Secretary of Interior under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended annually in Part 10, subparts A and B, and Part 20, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby adopted and made a part of this Title 14 except where said federal regulations are less restrictive than the provisions of Chapter 7 of this Title 14 (Sections 500-509), the provisions of Chapter 7 prevail.

## 510. State Duck Stamp.

Any adult license holder taking ducks, geese, or brant must have a current state duck stamp affixed to their license.

**Report Bird Bands: call 1-800-327-BAND**  
*The operator will want to know the band number and how, when and where it was recovered. You will receive a certificate of appreciation and information about the bird. The band is yours to keep.*

### (c) Statewide Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for American Coots and Common Moorhens.

(1) Species	(2) Season	(3) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
American Coot and Common Moorhen	Concurrent with duck season(s).	25 per day, 25 in possession, either all of one species or a mixture of these species.

### (d) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Ducks and Geese by Zone.

#### (1) Northeastern California Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the second Saturday in October extending for 105 days ( <b>Oct 8 – Jan 20</b> ).  Canvasbacks: A split season from the last Saturday in October extending for a period of 51 days ( <b>Oct 29 – Dec 18</b> ) and from the second Thursday in January extending for a period of 9 days ( <b>Jan 12 – Jan 20</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 5 mallards, but not more than 1 female. • 1 pintail (either sex). • 1 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup. Possession limit: double the daily bag limit
Geese	From the second Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 8 – Jan 15</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 4 Daily bag limit may include: • up to 4 white geese. • 2 dark geese of which only 1 may be a Small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

#### (2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22 – Jan 29</b> ).  Canvasbacks: From the first Thursday in December extending for 60 days ( <b>Dec 1-Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 5 mallards, but not more than 1 female. • 1 pintail (either sex). • 1 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup. Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22 – Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 4 Daily bag limit may include: • 4 white geese. • 3 white-fronted geese. • 3 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)). • 4 Small Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

### (3) Southern California Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22 – Jan 29</b> ).  Canvasbacks: From the first Thursday in December extending for 60 days ( <b>Dec 1-Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 5 mallards, but not more than 1 female. • 1 pintail (either sex). • 1 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup. Possession limit: double the daily bag limit
Geese	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22 – Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 5 Daily bag limit may include: • 4 white geese. • 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

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### (4) Colorado River Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the Friday after the third Sunday in October extending for 101 days ( <b>Oct 21 – Jan 29</b> ).  Canvasbacks: From the first Thursday in December extending for 60 days ( <b>Dec 1-Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks. • 1 pintail (either sex). • 1 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup. Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
Geese	From October 21 extending for 101 days ( <b>Oct 21 – Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 6 Daily bag limit may include: • 4 white geese. • 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

## Maps of California

Detailed maps are available free of charge or at a nominal fee from the following:

1) U.S. Forest Service maps provide detailed information about each national forest in the state. For information and prices contact: **U.S. Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; or call (707) 562-8737.**

2) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) maps show state, federal or private land. For information and prices contact: **Bureau of Land Management, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; or call (916) 978-4400.**

3) Topographic maps are available from U.S. Geological Survey. For information and prices contact: **U.S. Geological Survey Distribution Center, Denver Federal Center, Building 810, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225; or call (303) 202-4700.**

### (5) Balance of State Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers).	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22 – Jan 29</b> ).  Canvasbacks: From the first Thursday in December extending for 60 days ( <b>Dec 1-Jan 29</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 mallards, but not more than 1 female.</li><li>• 1 pintail (either sex).</li><li>• 1 canvasback (either sex).</li><li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li><li>• 3 scaup.</li></ul> Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days ( <b>Oct 22-Jan 29</b> ) EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley (West) Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will be open from the last Saturday in October through December 14 ( <b>Oct 29 – Dec 14</b> ).	Daily bag limit: 4 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 white geese.</li><li>• 3 white-fronted geese EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley (West) Special Management Area where only 2 may be taken.</li><li>• 3 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li><li>• 4 Small Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li></ul> Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

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### (D) Special Management Areas

Area	Species	Season
1. North Coast	All Canada Geese	From the fourth Saturday in October for 100 days.  Daily bag limit: 4 Canada Geese of which only 1 may be a Large Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
2. South Humboldt Bay	All species	Closed during brant season.
3. Sacramento Valley (West)	White-Fronted Geese	Open from the last Saturday in October through December 14, and during Youth Hunting Days.  Daily bag limit: 2 white-fronted geese. Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
4. Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only.
5. Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until November 16.
6. Northern Brant	Black Brant	From November 16 through November 30.  Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
7. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From December 1 through December 15.  Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.

## (e) Youth Hunting Days Regulations

(NOTE: Youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days (<b>Sept 24 and 25</b>).</p> <p>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days (<b>Feb 4 and 5</b>).</p> <p>3. Southern California Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days (<b>Feb 4 and 5</b>).</p> <p>4. Colorado River Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season (<b>Feb 4 only</b>).</p> <p>5. Balance of State Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days (<b>Feb 4 and 5</b>).</p>	Same as regular season.

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## (f) Falconry Take of Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

(1) Statewide Provisions

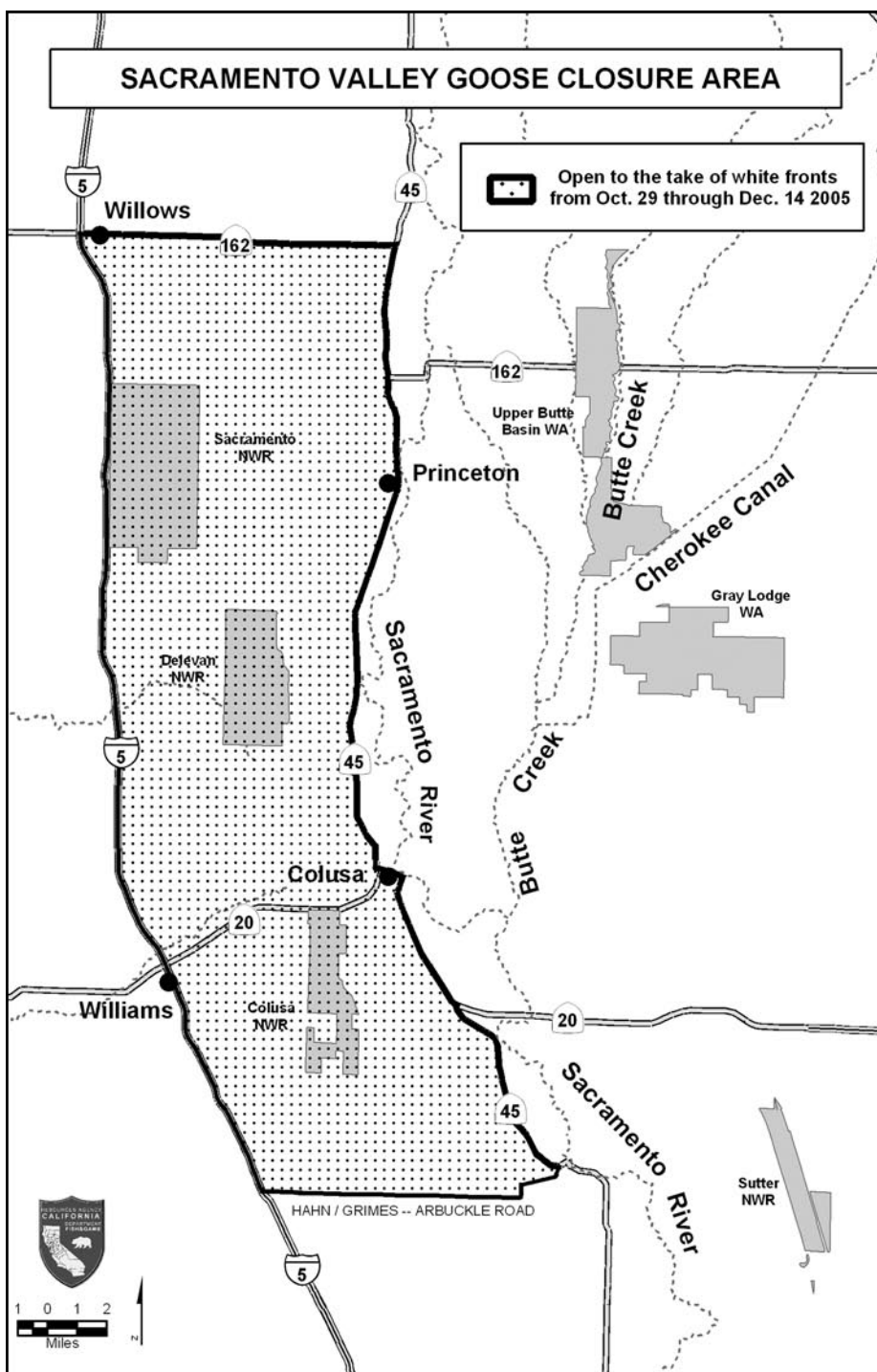
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 105 days.</p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 107 days.</p> <p>3. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 107 days.</p> <p>4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 107 days.</p> <p>5. Colorado River Zone. Concurrent with duck season and from January 30 - February 3, 2006. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona, where goose hunting by means of falconry is not permitted.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3 Daily bag limit makeup: Either all of 1 species or a mixture of species allowed for take.</p> <p>Possession limit: 6</p>

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 202 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 202, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.

# SACRAMENTO VALLEY GOOSE CLOSURE AREA



Open to the take of white fronts  
from Oct. 29 through Dec. 14 2005



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# Waterfowl Consumption Health Warnings

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) determines whether a public health hazard may exist from consumption of waterfowl taken from certain locations in California based on laboratory testing data. The following advisories have been issued. The guidelines are based on risk estimates that assume long-term consumption; thus, occasional intake of duck meat slightly above the recommended quantitative limits is not expected to produce a health hazard.

## **Grasslands area (Western Merced County)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. of duck meat from the Grasslands area in any two-week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

## **Suisun Bay (Contra Costa and Solano Counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of (greater and lesser) scaup meat, or more than 4 oz. of scoter meat in any two week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

## **San Pablo Bay (Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, Sonoma Counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of greater scaup meat, or more than 4 oz. of scoter meat in any two-week period from the bay. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

## **San Francisco Bay (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara Counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of greater scaup meat from the central bay, or more than 4 oz. of greater scaup meat from the south bay in any two-week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.



# UPLAND GAME REGULATIONS

## 257. Resident Small Game Defined.

"Resident small game" means the following resident game birds: Chinese spotted doves, ringed turtledoves of the family Columbidae, California quail and varieties thereof, Gambel or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof, blue grouse and varieties thereof, ruffed grouse, sage grouse (sage hens), whitetailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, redlegged partridges, including the chukar and other varieties, ring-necked pheasants and varieties, and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and the following game mammals: jackrabbits and varying hares (genus *Lepus*), cottontail rabbits, brush rabbits, pigmy rabbits (genus *Sylvilagus*), and tree squirrels (genus *Sciurus* and *Tamiasciurus*).

## 310.5. Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds.

The shooting hours for all upland game birds, except for pheasants and the spring wild turkey season, shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. The shooting hours for the spring wild turkey season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

## 311. Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game.

Only the following may be used to take resident small game:

(a) Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun;

(b) Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB, except that shot size larger than No. 2 may not be used or possessed when taking wild turkey. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

(c) Muzzle-loading shotguns;

(d) Falconry;

(e) Bow and arrow (see Section 354 for archery equipment regulations);

(f) Air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum for taking wild turkey); and firearm rifles and pistols for taking rabbits and squirrels, except in Los Angeles County, in addition to the methods listed in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above;

(g) In San Diego and Orange Counties only, rabbits may be taken at any time during the open season by means of box traps. Such traps shall not exceed 24 inches in any dimension, shall be tended at least once every 24 hours, and shall show the name and address of the trap owner. All rabbits taken under this section shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit;

(h) Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(i) Coursing dogs may be used to take rabbits;

(j) Archers hunting during any archery season may not possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season;

(k) The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(l) Pistols and revolvers may be used to take blue and ruffed grouse in those counties only and for the season described in Section 300 (a)(1)(E).

(m) Crossbows, except for provisions of Section 354(d) and (g).

(n) Dogs may be used to take and retrieve resident small game.

## 313. Upland Game Bird Stamp.

Any adult license holder taking resident game birds including Chinese spotted doves, ringed turtle doves, of the family Columbidae; California quail and varieties thereof, Gambel's or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof; blue, ruffed, and sage grouse, white-tailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, red-legged partridges including the chukar and other varieties; ring-necked pheasants and varieties; and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and migratory game birds including common snipe, western mourning doves, white-winged doves, and bandtailed pigeons must have a current state upland game stamp affixed to their license.

**Special Pheasant Hunts at Colusa, Delevan, and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges on the first Monday of Pheasant Season**

(See Section 552 starting on page 56 for more information.)

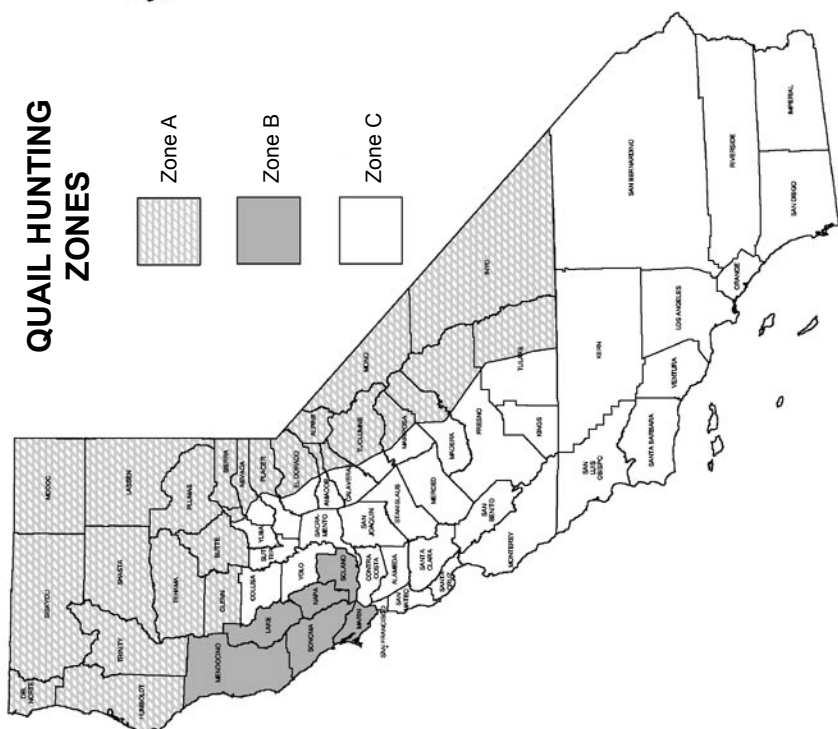
**Additional Special Hunts** are listed on the DFG Website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/gbh](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/gbh)

# 2005/2006 Upland Game Seasons

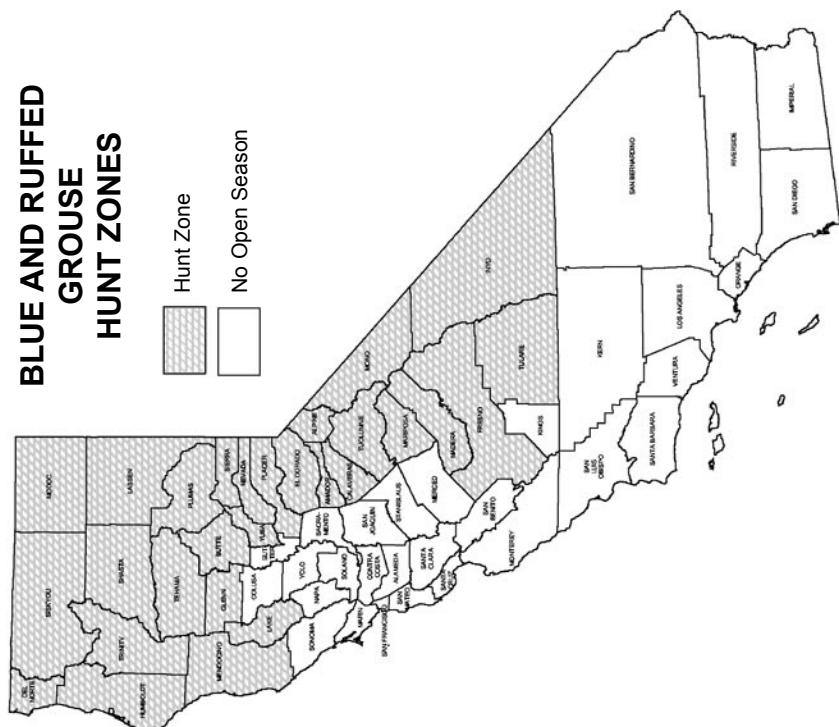
Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Pheasant	Nov 12 - Dec 25	2 males per day for first 2 days of the season; 3 males per day after first 2 days of the season.	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Nov 12 - Jan 10	2 pheasants per day for first 2 days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after first 2 days of the season. Daily archery bag may contain not more than 1 female pheasant.	Double daily bag
Quail: Zone A (Mountain Quail Only)	Sep 10 - Oct 14	10	Double daily bag
Zone A (All Quail)	Oct 15 - Jan 29		
Zone B	Sep 24 - Jan 29		
Zone C	Oct 15 - Jan 29		
Archery Only	Aug 20 - Sep 9		
Falconry Only	Oct 1 - Feb 28		
Chukar	Oct 15 - Jan 29	6	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Aug 20 - Sep 9		
Falconry Only	Oct 1 - Feb 28		
Sage Grouse* (Hunting by permit only)	Sep 10 - 11	Lassen Zones: 2 per day; 2 per season Inyo-Mono Zones: 1 per day; 1 per season	
Falconry Only	Nov 5 - Jan 3		
Blue/Ruffed Grouse*	Sep 10 - Oct 10	2; All of one species or mixed	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Aug 20 - Sep 9		
Falconry Only	Oct 1 - Feb 28		
Ptarmigan*	Sep 10 - 18	2 per day or season	2 per day or season
Falconry Only	Oct 1 - Feb 28		
Wild Turkey (Fall)* (no fall hunting in San Diego County)	Nov 12 - 27	1 either sex	1 per season
Wild Turkey (Spring)	Mar 25 - April 30	1 bearded	3 per season
Archery Only (Spring)	May 1 - May 14		
Dove	Sep 1 - 15 & Nov 12 - Dec 26	10; All of one species or mixed	Double daily bag
Band-tailed Pigeon	Sep 17 - 25 (North) Dec 17 - 25 (South)	2	Double daily bag
Snipe	Oct 15 - Jan 29	8	Double daily bag
American Crow*	Dec 3 - April 5	24	Double daily bag
Tree Squirrel*	Sept 10 - Jan 29	4	4
Rabbits & Varying Hare*	July 1 - Jan 29	5	Double daily bag
Jackrabbit	All Year	No limit	No limit

\*For these species, a portion of the state is closed to hunting. Check full regulations.

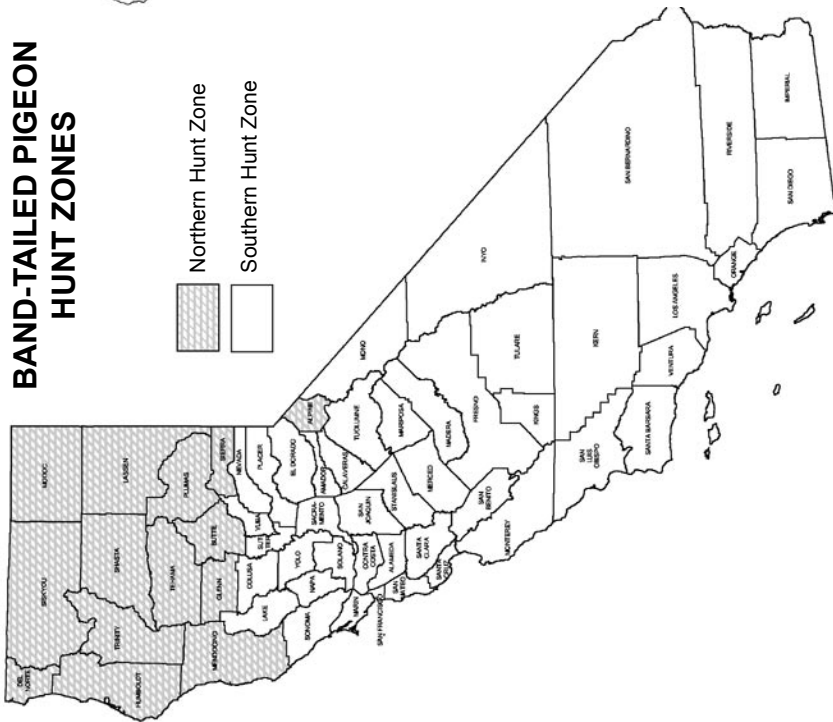
## QUAIL HUNTING ZONES



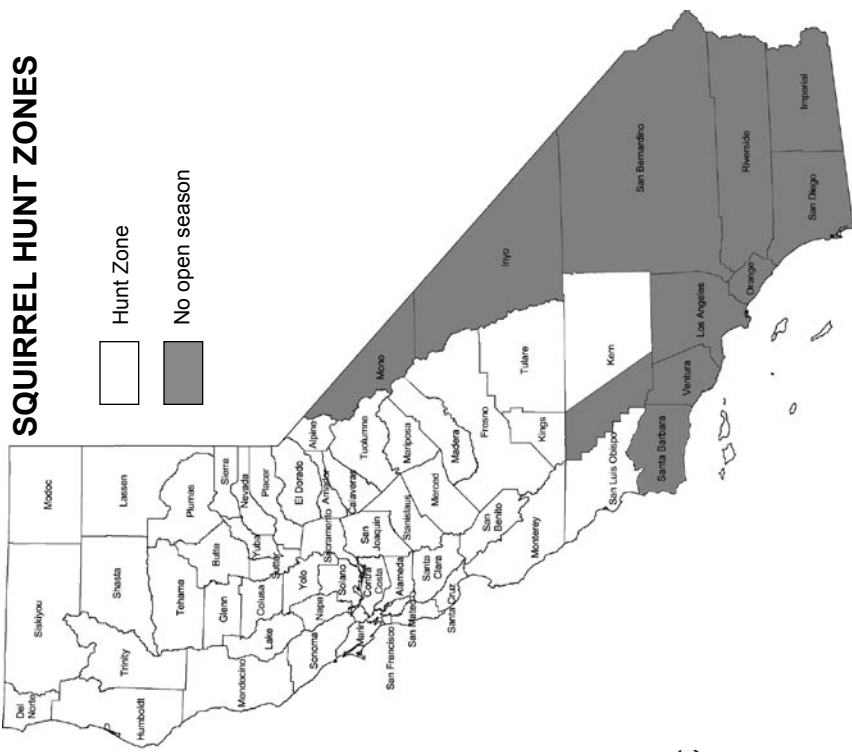
## BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNT ZONES



## BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNT ZONES



## SQUIRREL HUNT ZONES



# HUNTING AND OTHER PUBLIC USES ON STATE AND FEDERAL AREAS



A number of state wildlife areas and national wildlife refuges have hunting blinds designated for use by mobility impaired hunters. A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles "Disabled license plate, or permanent parking placard identification card," or a "Disabled Veteran" license plate, a valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (FG form 1460).

The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

## **Disabled accessible blind sites exist at the following areas:**

**National Wildlife Refuges:** Sacramento (3), Delevan (3), Merced (1), Kern (2), Kesterson (1).

**State Wildlife Areas:** Gray Lodge (4), Grizzly Island (2), Imperial/Sonny Bono Salton Sea (4), Mendota (6), Los Banos (2), San Jacinto (2), Shasta Valley (1), North Grasslands Wildlife Area (2), Upper Butte Basin (5), Yolo Bypass (1).

**Additional areas with access to ponds:** Colusa (2 ponds). Details regarding facilities at each location can be obtained by phoning the information number listed in this booklet for each area.

Disabled accessible blind sites not filled through the reservation draw conducted by the Department's License and Revenue Branch, will be filled through an on-site lottery draw or by a disabled only first-come, first-served waiting list or line. Disabled hunters who enter the first-come, first-served waiting list or line, may not enter any first-come, first-served list or line, on the wildlife area or refuge for that hunt day.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In addition to the regulations on shot size found in Section 551 (b)(3), the use or possession of shot size larger than BB in non-toxic shot other than steel is prohibited on State and Federal wildlife areas.

## Reservation System

Reservations to hunt on specified State-controlled hunting areas during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons are issued by drawing. Resident, junior and nonresident licensed hunters may apply. Hunters may apply as many times per season as desired but no more than once for each area for each shoot day. Application forms are available through DFG offices and license agents.

Each reservation assures entry to the area selected for the date issued. Except as noted below, a reservation shall assure entry for up to six persons including the person in whose name the reservation was issued. No more than two persons may be hunters who have adult licenses. Each person who is at least 18 years of age may be accompanied by up to two hunters holding junior licenses or two nonshooters or one of each.

Areas with reservation procedures that differ from those described above are Delevan; the Kesterson, Blue Goose and Freitas Units of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge; Merced and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges; the Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area; the Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife

Area, and the San Jacinto and Los Banos Wildlife Areas. For Zone 6 at Los Banos Wildlife Area, zone 50 at the Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area, each reservation assures entry of up to three persons. For Zone 6J, each reservation assures entry of one adult and up to two junior hunters.

For the Sacramento and Delevan National Wildlife Refuges, and zone 13 at the Salt Slough Unit of North Grasslands Wildlife Area, each reservation assures entry for up to four individuals, whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters. For the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, each reservation assures entry for no more than two adult and two junior hunters. For the Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area, each reservation assures entry for up to six people, but no more than four adult hunters (see area information). For Merced National Wildlife Refuge, each reservation assures entry for up to two persons in the two person blinds, or up to three persons in the three person blinds. For the Kesterson and Blue Goose Units of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or

two persons if two-person blinds are available. For the Freitas Units, (north and south), each reservation assures entry of one boat with up to four persons. Reservations are nontransferable. Refunds will not be issued for emergency area closures due to unforeseen weather or other conditions. Reservations for areas that are closed due to flooding will not be accepted at other areas.

Numbered reservations will be honored in numerical order, at the time the check station starts issuing permits for the hunt day. Reservationholders must be present at the time their reservation number is called.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Reservation applicants can purchase either a one-choice application or a five choice application, or may apply for every available Saturday, Sunday and/or Wednesday by completing a season-long application card and returning it with appropriate payment to the License and Revenue Branch. To be included in the drawing, completed applications must be received at the Department's License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, 95816, or at the address indicated on the application at least 17 days before the hunt date requested.

Disabled hunters may apply for a drawing to hunt at disabled accessible hunting sites by entering the hunt code for the desired disabled accessible hunting site on their reservation application. To apply, hunters must meet the requirements to hunt at a disabled accessible

hunting site (see page 2). Hunters who apply for a disabled accessible hunting site at a given area may not apply for any other reservation draw for that area on that date.

**HUNTING AREA PERMIT/PASSES:** Except for persons hunting on most Type C areas [see subsection 551(q) for exceptions] or hunting under the authority of a junior hunting license, all hunters using State-controlled hunting areas during the waterfowl season must have a **ONE-DAY PERMIT**—Available at **TYPE A** checking stations only, or a **NO-FEE ENTRY PERMIT** issued for that day accompanied by one of the following passes:

**TYPE A TWO-DAY PASS**—Available in advance from designated license agents and DFG offices. For use on **TYPE A** areas only. May be used by one person for any two hunt days or by two persons for the same hunt day.

**TYPE A SEASON PASS**—Available from designated license agents, DFG offices or at most **TYPE A** checking stations. This pass is nontransferable and may only be used by the person whose name appears on the pass for any available hunt day on any **TYPE A** or **TYPE B** area.

**TYPE B SEASON PASS**—Available in advance from designated license agents and DFG offices. This nontransferable pass may only be used by the person whose name appears on the pass for any available hunt day on **TYPE B** areas only.

**PREPAID PASSES ARE NOT RESERVATIONS OR ENTRY PERMITS.**

HUNTING PERMIT/PASS REQUIREMENTS		
TYPE A AREAS	TYPE B AREAS	TYPE C AREAS
One-Day, Two-Day or Type A Season Permit/Pass	Type A or Type B Season/Pass	No Permit/Pass Required for Most Areas
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colusa N.W.R.</li> <li>Delevan N.W.R.</li> <li>Gray Lodge W.A.</li> <li>Grizzly Island W.A. (also see Type B area list)</li> <li>Imperial W.A. (Wister Unit)</li> <li>Kern N.W.R.</li> <li>Los Banos W.A.</li> <li>Mendota W.A.</li> <li>Merced N.W.R.</li> <li>North Grasslands W.A. (China Island, Gadwall and Salt Slough units)</li> <li>Sacramento N.W.R.</li> <li>Salton Sea N.W.R.</li> <li>San Jacinto W.A.</li> <li>San Luis N.W.R.</li> <li>Sutter N.W.R.</li> <li>Upper Butte Basin W.A. (Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek and Llano Seco units)</li> <li>Volta W.A.</li> <li>Yolo Bypass W. A.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ash Creek W.A.</li> <li>Butte Valley W.A.</li> <li>Grizzly Island W.A. (Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough and Island Slough units)</li> <li>Honey Lake W.A.</li> <li>Shasta Valley W.A.</li> <li>Willow Creek W.A.</li> </ol>	See sections 550 and 551 for a listing of the Type C areas; See subsection 551(q) for Type C areas where reservations or permits are required.

## 550. Regulations for General Public Use Activities on All State Wildlife Areas Listed Below.

### (a) State Wildlife Areas:

- (1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);
- (2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen and Modoc counties) (Type B);
- (3) Bass Hill Wildlife Area (Lassen County), including the Egan Management Unit (Type C);
- (4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties);
- (5) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (6) Big Sandy Wildlife Area (Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties) (Type C);
- (7) Biscar Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
- (8) Buttermilk Country Wildlife Area (Inyo County) (Type C);
- (9) Butte Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);
- (10) Cache Creek Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the North Fork Cache Creek and Harley Gulch management units (Type C);
- (11) Camp Cady Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (12) Cantara/Ney Springs Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (13) Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
- (14) Cinder Flats Wildlife Area (Shasta County) (Type C);
- (15) Clear Lake Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the Rodman Slough Unit (Type C);
- (16) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yolo counties) (Type C);
- (17) Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (Colusa County) (Type C);
- (18) Coon Hollow Wildlife Area (Butte County) (Type C);
- (19) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Merced County), including the Upper Cottonwood and Lower Cottonwood management units (Type C);
- (20) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);
- (21) Crocker Meadow Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);
- (22) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (Yuba County) (Type C);
- (23) Decker Island Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (24) Doyle Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
- (25) Dutch Flat Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (26) East Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (27) Eel River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (28) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);
- (29) Elk River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (30) Eureka Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County);
- (31) Fay Canyon Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (32) Fay Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (33) Feather River Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yuba counties), including the Abbott Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marysville, Morse Road, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend management units (Type C);
- (34) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);
- (35) Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (36) Grass Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (37) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (Butte and Sutter counties) (Type A);
- (38) Green Creek Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (39) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Solano County), including the Garibaldi Crescent (Type A), Gold Hills (Type B), Goodyear Slough (Type B), Grey Goose (Type C), Grizzly Island (Type A), Island Slough (Type B), Joice Island (Type A), West Family (Type B) and Montezuma Slough management units;
- (40) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (Lassen and Sierra counties) (Type C);
- (41) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (42) Hill Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County);
- (43) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
- (44) Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);
- (45) Hope Valley Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (46) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (47) Imperial Wildlife Area (Imperial County), including the Wister Management Unit (Type A) and Finney Ramer Management Units (Type C);
- (48) Indian Tom Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);

- (49) Indian Valley Wildlife Area (Lake County) (Type C);
- (50) Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (51) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area (Madera County) (Type C);
- (52) Knoxville Wildlife Area (Napa and Yolo counties) (Type C);
- (53) Laguna Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);
- (54) Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
- (55) Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- (56) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);
- (57) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type C);
- (58) Los Banos Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);
- (59) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area (Sacramento County) (Type C);
- (60) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (61) Marble Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (62) Mendota Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type A);
- (63) Merrill's Landing Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);
- (64) Miner Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (65) Monache Meadows Wildlife Area (Tulare County) (Type C);
- (66) Morro Bay Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County) (Type C);
- (67) Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Monterey County) (Type C);
- (68) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties) (Type C);
- (69) Mud Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (70) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties), including the American Canyon, Coon Island, Dutchman Slough, Huichica Creek, Napa River, Ringstrom Bay, Sonoma Creek, Tolay Creek, White Slough, and Wingo management units (All Type C, except White Slough);
- (71) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties), including the China Island, Gadwall, and Salt Slough management units (Type A);
- (72) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);
- (73) Oroville Wildlife Area (Butte County), including the Thermalito Afterbay Management Unit (Type C);
- (74) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties), including the Black John Slough, Burdell, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Petaluma River, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek management units (Type C);
- (75) Pickel Meadow Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (76) Pine Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (77) Point Edith Wildlife Area (Contra Costa County) (Type C);
- (78) Putah Creek Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (79) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
- (80) Red Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (81) Rhode Island Wildlife Area Contra Costa County (Type C);
- (82) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);
- (83) Sacramento River Wildlife Area (Butte, Colusa, and Glenn counties) (Type C);
- (84) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
- (85) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Riverside County) including the Davis Road Unit, and the Potrero Unit (Type A);
- (86) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County);
- (87) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);
- (88) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties) (Type C);
- (89) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);
- (90) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);
- (91) Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (92) Silver Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
- (93) Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (94) Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);
- (95) South Fork Wildlife Area (Kern County) (Type C);
- (96) Spannus Gulch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (97) Spenceville Wildlife Area (Yuba and Nevada counties) (Type C);
- (98) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (99) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (Sutter County) (Type C);
- (100) Tehama Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);
- (101) Truckee River Wildlife Area (Placer and Nevada counties), including the Boca, Polaris,



- Union Ice, and West River management units (Type C);
- (102) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Butte and Glenn counties), including the Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek, and Llano Seco management units (Type A);
- (103) Volta Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);
- (104) Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (105) Waukell Creek Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- (106) Warner Valley Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);
- (107) West Hilmar Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties) (Type C);
- (108) White Slough Wildlife Area (San Joaquin County) (Type C);
- (109) Willow Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);
- (110) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County).

## **(b) Area Regulations:**

### **(1) Regional Manager's Authority:**

The regional manager shall have the authority to regulate public use of State wildlife areas where such use is not provided for in these regulations or in sections 551 and 552 of this title.

### **(2) Entry Restrictions.**

The department may limit the number of persons entering any area listed in section 550 or 551 of this title during any period for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to provide for the limited take of a species, or may close portions of areas or close areas entirely to public entry or to specific activities. No person shall enter an area that has been closed to the public, except by written permission of the regional manager. On wildlife areas where entry and exit sites are designated by the department, no person shall enter or leave except at designated sites.

### **(3) Procedures for Issuing Entry Permits.**

In the event that the department elects to limit the number of hunters, trappers, or other users, entry permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, or by a drawing to be held at a designated department office. The department shall inform the commission in writing and the public via the news media of any implementation of the provisions of this subsection, when limits imposed under this subsection differ substantially for a specific area from the prior year. Such notification shall include: the State wildlife area affected, the time period, the reason for the limitation or closure, the number of entry permits to be issued, and the method of issuance.

### **(4) Permit Requirements.**

No person shall enter any State wildlife area or portion thereof where the department has limited public entry without a valid entry permit in their immediate possession. [See subsections 551(f), (g), and (h) for regulations regarding general requirements and costs for individual entry permits. See subsection 551(q) for entry permit requirements for specific areas.] Upon leaving the State wildlife area, the permit must be completed and returned to the checking station, or drop box.

### **(5) Use Permits for Organized Events.**

Any person organizing an event or gathering to be conducted on a State wildlife area shall obtain a use permit from the appropriate regional manager. Such events or gatherings shall be compatible with wildlife area objectives

### **(6) Motor Driven Vehicles.**

(A) No person shall drive, operate, leave, place, or stop any motor driven vehicle or trailer on any State wildlife area except on public or established roads or on designated jeep trails and such other areas as designated by the Department. No person shall park or leave any motor driven vehicle or trailer in any area where signs prohibiting parking are posted. The Department may designate the parking lot where a person must park a vehicle while on the wildlife area.

(B) No person shall drive a vehicle carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife.

### **(7) Signs, Traffic and Road Closures.**

(A) Drivers of motor driven vehicles operated within the wildlife areas shall comply with the directions of traffic signs posted in the area by the department.

(B) No person shall damage, remove, or destroy any barrier, sign, signpost, or signboard on any wildlife area.

### **(8) Boats.**

(A) The department may restrict the use and operation of boats on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas to protect natural resources or provide for the orderly operation of hunting and fishing programs on these areas. Boating restrictions may include, but not be limited to, limiting boat speeds, limiting motor size and type, or prohibiting the use of motors. During the times waterfowl are present, the provisions of Section 251 of this Title will also apply.

(B) Except as prohibited in subsection 551(q), boats may be used under the following regulations on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas.

1. When launch sites are designated by the department, all boats must be launched and removed from those sites.

2. All persons shall remove their boats from the waters when instructed to do so by an employee of the department.

3. The use of boats may be restricted to certain zones designated by the department.

4. Boat speed shall not exceed five miles per hour.

#### **(9) Vandalism and Litter.**

(A) No person shall tamper with, damage, or remove any property not his own when such property is located within a State wildlife area.

(B) No person shall leave, deposit, drop, bury, or scatter bottles, broken glass, feathers, hides, wastepaper, cans, sewage, or other rubbish in any State wildlife area except in a receptacle or area designated for that purpose, and no person shall import and deposit any rubbish or toxic substance into State wildlife areas from other places. Where no designated receptacles are provided, any refuse resulting from a person's use of the area must be removed from the area by such person.

#### **(10) Trees and Minerals.**

(A) No person shall dig up, cut, damage, or remove from a wildlife area any trees, shrubs, vines, plants or wood, except that vegetation may be cut and used for the purpose of building blinds, unless otherwise directed by the area manager.

(B) No person shall dig up or remove any humus, soil, sand, gravel, or rock.

#### **(11) Bottles and Artifact Collecting.**

No person shall collect or remove bottles or artifacts, or dig or otherwise disturb the soil to locate or remove bottles or artifacts, from any Wildlife Area.

#### **(12) Camping and Unattended Personal Property.**

No person shall camp in any part of a State wildlife area except in areas designated by the department. (See subsection 551(q) for additional camping restrictions on specific areas). Camping on wildlife areas shall be limited to not more than seven consecutive days, and not more than 14 days total in any calendar year, except by written permission of the Regional Manager. Personal property may not be left on State wildlife areas for camping or other purposes, except at authorized locations. Decoys may not be left in the field overnight, except as provided

in subsection 551(q). Any hunting blinds on wildlife areas shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **(13) Fires.**

From April 30 through October 30 on Type C areas, and during the entire year on Type A and B areas, no person shall build or maintain fires except in portable gas stoves, in charcoal briquette barbecues, or in fireplaces at sites developed by the department. No fire shall be left unattended and all fires shall be extinguished with water before leaving. (See subsection 551(q) for additional fire restrictions.)

#### **(14) Use of Dogs and Field Trials.**

The department may prohibit or restrict the use of dogs on any State wildlife area (see subsection 551(q)). Except as further prohibited in subsection 551(q), dogs are allowed only for hunting or when under immediate control. Dogs must be leashed at designated campsites and check station areas. Special permits are required for field trials. Dog training is allowed only in areas designated by the department.

#### **(15) Pesticides Use.**

No person, other than authorized federal, state, or local employees conducting a pest control program approved by the department, shall apply any pesticide in any State wildlife area.

#### **(16) Livestock.**

No person shall permit livestock, including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and hogs, to browse, graze, bed, cross, or otherwise trespass on any State wildlife area except under an authorized grazing permit issued by the department. The recreational use of horses is allowed, except as designated in subsection 551(q). Persons who fail to remove their livestock from any State wildlife area within 48 hours after receiving official notice of trespass by the regional manager through certified mail, shall be in violation of this section.

#### **(17) Fish and Frogs.**

Fish and frogs may not be taken for commercial purposes (see subsection 551(q) for specific area regulations).

#### **(18) Hunting and Trapping.**

Hunting and trapping shall be allowed on State wildlife areas during the regular open seasons subject to subsection 550(b)(19), 551(b), and 551(q), and such other area use regulations as specified by the regional manager.

#### **(19) Special Restrictions.**

(Areas where hunting and possession of firearms and archery equipment is prohibited).

No person, except authorized personnel, shall

possess or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, spear gun, or other propulsive device of any kind in the following areas: Battle Creek, Crescent City Marsh, Elk Creek Wetlands, Eureka Slough, and Hill Slough wildlife areas; Cordelia Slough and Montezuma Slough management units of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area; White Slough Unit of Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area; and Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek units of the Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area.

**(20) Possession and use of Alcohol.**

No person shall possess or use alcohol while in the field hunting or engaged in other authorized recreational activities on any State wildlife area or Federal wildlife refuge. For the purpose of this section, "in the field" is defined as all areas except checking stations and designated parking areas.

**551. Hunting, Firearms, and Archery Equipment Use and Permit Requirements on State and Federal Areas**

**(a) The following regulations apply to areas listed below:**

(1) State wildlife areas listed in Section 550. (See subsection 550(b)(19) for areas where possession and use of firearms and archery equipment are completely prohibited.)

(2) Areas operated in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (for additional regulations for Federal areas, see Section 552):

- (A) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Colusa County);
  - (B) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Colusa County);
  - (C) Kern National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Kern County);
  - (D) Merced National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Merced County);
  - (E) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Glenn and Colusa counties);
  - (F) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Merced County), including the San Luis, Kesterson, West Bear Creek, Freitas, and Blue Goose Units;
  - (G) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Imperial County) (operated with the Imperial Wildlife Area);
  - (H) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, Type A (Sutter County).
- (3) Areas operated in cooperation with other Federal agencies:
- (A) Baldwin Lake, Type C (San Bernardino County);
  - (B) Volta Wildlife Area, Type A (Merced County);

**(21) Ejection.**

The department may eject any person from a State wildlife area for violation of any of these rules or regulations or for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or when a department employee determines that the general safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered. The decision, in such respect, of any department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area shall be final.

**(22) User Responsibility for Knowing Regulations.**

All wildlife area users shall be responsible for area-specific regulations listed under subsection 551(q). Failure to comply with any of the area-specific regulations shall be a violation of this subsection.

- (C) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area, Type C (Sonoma County).
- (4) Areas operated in cooperation with other State agencies:
  - (A) Lake Earl Project Area, Type C (Del Norte County) (Unclassified land administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation);
  - (B) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced County);
  - (C) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced and Santa Clara counties);
  - (D) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area, Type C (Fresno County);
  - (E) Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area, area day use fee (Riverside County).
  - (F) Clifton Court Forebay, Type C (Contra Costa County).

**(b) Method of Take.**

(1) Firearms and Archery Equipment, General: Except as otherwise provided, no person shall possess in the field or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, or other propulsive device of any kind on any wildlife area (see section 551(b)(9)).

(2) Except as otherwise provided, no shotguns larger than twelve gauge and no rifles, pellet guns, combination rifle-shotguns, pistols, archery equipment, or revolvers shall be possessed in the field or discharged on any Type A or Type B areas. All legal firearms and archery equipment may be used on Type C areas unless prohibited (see subsection 551(q)).

(3) Shotgun shells shall not contain shot size larger than size BB in lead and size T in steel. On those areas where big game species may be hunted, shotguns with slugs may be used.

(4) At Grizzly Island Wildlife Area and on all national wildlife refuges listed in Section 552, only steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or possessed in the field.

(5) Archery equipment shall not be used during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons on Type A and B areas, unless provided for in subsection 551(q).

(6) Loaded firearms, as defined in Section 2006 of the Fish and Game Code, are prohibited in the parking lots on all wildlife areas and on national wildlife refuges listed in Section 552.

(7) On Type C areas, raptors may be used to take legal game in accordance with general hunting regulations.

(8) On Type A and B state wildlife areas, raptors may be used to take legal game only from the first Saturday following the end of the general waterfowl season through the end of the falconry pheasant season. Raptors may be used only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

(9) Except as otherwise provided, an adult-supervised youth may possess and discharge a BB gun on any wildlife area. A BB gun is not an authorized method of take and may not be used to take wildlife on any wildlife area. A BB gun is defined as an air and/or spring-actuated rifle similar to Daisy BB gun models 95 (Timberwolf), 105 (Buck), or 1938 (Red Ryder), firing a spherical BB no longer than 0.177 inches in diameter (4.5mm) at a muzzle velocity no greater than 350 feet per second. For the purpose of this section a youth is defined as a person under the age of 16.

### **(c) Nonhunting Uses of Firearms and Archery Equipment:**

(1) Except at designated shooting sites or with a special permit, possession in the field and use of firearms and archery equipment is permitted only for the purpose of hunting on all wildlife areas and on national wildlife refuges listed in Section 552.

(2) No glass or porcelain targets shall be used on any wildlife area. Clay targets shall be used only at designated sites where their use is permitted.

### **(d) Hunting Days:**

(1) Except as provided for in subsection 551(q), waterfowl may be taken on Type A and Type B areas only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

(2) All Type A and Type B areas shall be closed to hunting on Christmas Day, except for the following Type B areas: Island Slough and

Gold Hills units of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. These areas will be open to hunting on Christmas Day when Christmas occurs on a Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday.

(3) On Type C areas, shooting days shall be daily except as noted in subsections 551(b) and 551(q).

### **(e) Shooting Hours**

Waterfowl: Except as provided for in subsection 551(q), shooting hours on all Type A and Type B areas shall be the legal waterfowl shooting hours as designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other Species: Except as noted in subsection 551(q), other species may be taken only during the hours designated for the taking of each species under the regulatory powers of the Fish and Game Commission or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### **(f) Requirements for Entry Permits and Trespass**

No person shall enter upon any area listed in sections 550 or 551 of this Title where the department requires a valid daily entry permit without the required entry permit in their immediate possession, or unless otherwise authorized by the department. Entry or exit must be made at locations designated by the department. Daily entry permits are required to hunt during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons on Type A and B areas. During this period daily entry permits must be returned to the checking stations where issued within one and one half hours after sunset unless otherwise designated in 551(g). Daily entry permits also may be required at other times on Type A and B areas or on Type C areas (see subsection 551(q)).

### **(g) Season Pass, Two-day Pass, and Entry Permit Fees:**

(1) To obtain a daily entry permit to hunt during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons on Type A areas, possession of a season pass, a two-day pass, or payment of a daily fee is required, except as provided in subsection 551(q).

(2) The base fee for a Type A season pass is \$75 and the base fee for a Type B season pass is \$25. These fees shall be adjusted annually, as required under Fish and Game Code Section 713. Holders of junior hunting licenses are exempt from these fees.

(3) On Type B areas during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, a Type B season pass or a Type A season pass is required to obtain a daily entry permit for all hunting, unless otherwise provided in subsections 551(q) or 551(1)(3).

(4) The fee for a one-day entry permit is \$12 and the fee for a two-day pass is \$20. Holders of junior hunting licenses are exempt from these fees.

(5) At State recreation areas included in subsection 551(a)(4), the entry permit fee for hunting shall be the recreation area day-use fee.

(6) On Type C areas (all wildlife areas not listed as Type A, Type B, or State recreation areas in Section 551), no fees for hunting are required.

(7) On some areas (see subsection 551(q), day use passes are required for all public access. Fees may be charged (see Fish and Game Code Section 1765).

#### **(h) Issuance of One-day Entry Permits:**

(1) Hunters with season passes shall not receive priority in the issuance of daily entry permits over hunters who do not have season passes.

(2) Holders of junior hunting licenses will be issued entry permits only when accompanied by an adult. An adult is defined as a person at least 18 years old. An adult may be accompanied by up to two junior hunters. On Type A and B areas, adults must accompany junior hunters in the field. On Type A and B areas when a non-shooter accompanies a junior hunter, the non-shooter will be considered a hunter possessing valid resident or nonresident hunting license in establishing his or her place in line. Persons 16 or 17 years of age in possession of a valid resident or nonresident hunting license will be issued entry permits and may hunt by themselves, but may not be accompanied by junior hunters.

(3) Entry permits must be returned, as required by the department, when departing the area. Hunters are required to report the number and species of all game taken, as required by the Department, before departing the area.

(4) No person shall apply for, obtain, use, or have in his or her possession while hunting, any one-day entry permit which has not been issued to that person by the department or which is a duplicate, forgery, or alteration of an official department form; or which has been obtained by use of a non-validated or fraudulent application or advance reservation form. Any person who violates this section shall be barred from all State-operated areas for one calendar year following the date of discovery of the violation by the department.

(5) Any person who violates regulations governing drawing procedures for hunting opportunities on State-operated areas, other than reservation drawings described in subsection 551(j), shall not be issued a permit for that day, or shall be ejected for that day if a permit has been issued, and shall be denied entry for the remainder of the season.

#### **(i) Daily Entry Permit Revocations, Refusals, and Ejections:**

On Type A and Type B areas the department is authorized to refuse to issue a one-day entry permit to anyone and to revoke this permit and eject the holder forthwith from the area for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or for any other reason when it appears that the general safety or welfare of the area, or persons thereon, is endangered. Decision of the Department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area in such respect shall be final. Any person whose entry permit has been revoked shall not be entitled to hunt or access any State operated hunt area or on any wildlife area for one calendar year from the date of discovery. Persons affected by this section may appeal such actions to the Commission.

#### **(j) Reservations:**

(1) Advance reservations for waterfowl and pheasant hunting will be available for certain areas as specified under subsections 551(q) and 552(a).

(2) Reservations shall be issued by drawing to licensed hunters as follows: Official applications shall be made available to the public through license agents and department offices. Applicants shall purchase either a \$1.05 application card or a \$5.25 application card and submit it to the Department's License and Revenue Branch at the address indicated on the application. Applicants may also apply for every available Saturday, Sunday, and/or Wednesday hunt date for one or more areas by completing a season-long application card and returning it with the appropriate payment to the License and Revenue Branch. Applications must be received in the License and Revenue Branch office at least 17 days prior to the authorized shoot date on which the applicant wishes to hunt. Late, incomplete, or incorrect applications will not be included in the drawing.

##### **(3) Multiple Applications:**

(A) The applicant is limited to one application for each area for each authorized shoot date as specified under subsections 551(q) and 552(a), unless otherwise specified in subsection 551(q).

(B) The department may eliminate from any drawing all applications not in compliance with these regulations. Persons who submit more than one application for the same shoot date for the same area may be barred from hunting on State-operated areas for a period of one year following the date of discovery of the violation by the department. Any reservation issued to any person as a result of such improper submission, or to any person already barred from the State-

operated areas, shall be void and of no force and effect.

(4) **Priorities:** Unless otherwise stated on the reservation or on information mailed with the reservation, upon paying the appropriate fee for a one-day entry permit or presenting a two-day pass or season pass, successful applicants shall be granted a one-day entry permit during the waterfowl or pheasant season, a one-day permit shall be granted, however, only if the applicant's reservation was issued by the department in the applicant's name and is for the area requested. Applicants must enter, at the appropriate checking station on the assigned or stated hunt date. Unless otherwise provided for, the reservation will expire one and one-half hours before waterfowl shoot time. For some areas, reservations will be numbered by the department in the order in which they are drawn. These reservations will be accepted at checking stations in that order, only if the reservation holder is present at the time the number is called.

(5) Except as provided for in subsections 551(j)(6) or 551(q), or Section 552, a reservation shall assure entry for up to six persons. No more than two may be adult (see subsection 551(h)(2)) hunters who have valid resident or nonresident licenses and no more than two may be persons 16 or 17 years of age in possession of a valid resident or nonresident hunting license (see subsection 551(h)(2)). Each adult may be accompanied by up to two hunters holding junior licenses or two non-shooters irrespective of age, or one of each. Non-shooters are defined as persons who wish to accompany a permittee in the field or remain at a designated parking space. Non-shooters shall not discharge or possess ammunition or a firearm on the area.

(6) If hunting a special blind area, a reservation will assure entry of no more persons (adult hunters, junior hunters, and/or nonshooters) than will fill the blind.

(7) Unless otherwise provided for in this section, the advance reservation system only serves to assure entry onto the area and does not necessarily constitute a method for prioritization over other users.

#### **(k) Deferred Openings:**

When the department considers such deferment desirable to protect agricultural crops from waterfowl, it is hereby authorized and directed to defer opening to public access any area until in the opinion of the Department the danger of crop damage in the immediate region is abated.

#### **(l) Species Allowed:**

(1) On Type A and Type B areas, only ducks, geese, coots, moorhens, and snipe which are then in season may be legally taken by permittees

on designated shooting days during the open waterfowl hunting season; unless otherwise provided under this section or Section 552 of these regulations.

(2) **Pheasant Hunting:** Pheasant hunting shall be permitted as provided for in subsection 551(q) and Section 552. The regional manager may authorize junior pheasant hunts during or outside the general pheasant season.

(3) **Hunting on Type C areas General:** Except as provided for in subsection 551(q), hunting is permitted for each authorized species allowed to be hunted on each area, during the open season of that species.

(4) **Turkey Hunting:** Turkey hunting shall be permitted as provided for in subsection 551(q) and Section 552. The regional manager may authorize junior turkey hunts on state wildlife areas during the regular season.

#### **(m) Assigned Hunting Zones:**

In order to assure proper hunter dispersal and to promote safety, the Department may subdivide the open hunting portion of any Type A or Type B area into zones and assign hunters to these zones or designate where hunters shall park.

#### **(n) Posting Closed Areas:**

Any portion of any State wildlife area and any adjoining lands under control of the Department, may be closed to hunting or public access by the Department by posting such lands with signs at least five (5) to the mile.

#### **(o) Penalties:**

Failure to comply with regulations contained in sections 550, 551, or 552 may result in any or all of the following:

(1) denial of permission to enter a State-operated area; and/or

(2) revocation of any permit already issued; and/or

(3) ejection from the area for one calendar year from the date of discovery; and/or

(4) citation under the provisions of the Fish and Game Code or Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. A proceeding under (1), (2), (3) or (4) will not preclude the invocation of any other remedy.

#### **(p) Enforcement of Regulations:**

These regulations shall be incorporated by reference into and become a part of all permits.

**(q) ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC AREAS**

In addition to the regulations in Section 550 and subsections 551(a) through 551(p), the following areas have special regulations which are listed below (see Section 552 for additional regulations on national wildlife refuges on which the Department of Fish and Game manages hunting programs):

Antelope Valley Wildlife Area, Type C (Sierra County);  
Ash Creek Wildlife Area, Type B (Modoc and Lassen counties);  
Baldwin Lake, Type C (San Bernardino County);  
Bass Hill Wildlife Area, Type C (Lassen County);  
Battle Creek Wildlife Area, (Shasta and Tehama counties);  
Big Lagoon Wildlife Area, Type C (Humboldt County);  
Big Sandy Wildlife Area, Type C (Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties);  
Butte Valley Wildlife Area, Type B (Siskiyou County);  
Cache Creek Wildlife Area, including the North Fork Cache Creek and Harley Gulch Management Units, Type C (Lake County);  
Clifton Court Forebay, Type C (Contra Costa County);  
Collins Eddy Wildlife Area, Type C (Sutter and Yolo counties);  
Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area., Type C (Colusa County);  
Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced and Santa Clara counties);  
Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Type C (Yuba County);  
Decker Island Wildlife Area, Type C (Solano County);  
Eel River Wildlife Area, Type C (Humboldt County);  
Elk River Wildlife Area, Type C (Humboldt County);  
Fay Slough Wildlife Area, Type C (Humboldt County);  
Feather River Wildlife Area, including the Abbot Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marysville, Morse Road, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend management units. Type C (Yuba and Sutter counties);  
Fremont Weir Wildlife Area, Type C (Sutter and Yolo counties);  
Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, including the west side and east side units, Type A (Butte County);  
Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, including the Type A Crescent, Joice Island, and Grizzly Island management units, the Type B Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, West Family, and Island Slough management units, the Type C Grey

Goose Management Unit, and the Garibaldi, and Montezuma Slough management units (Solano County);  
Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area, Type C (Lassen and Sierra counties);  
Heenan Lake Wildlife Area, Type C (Alpine County);  
Hollenbeck Wildlife Area, Type C (San Diego County);  
Honey Lake Wildlife Area, including the Dakin and Fleming units, Type B (Lassen County);  
Hope Valley Wildlife Area, Type C (Alpine County);  
Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area, Type C (Siskiyou County);  
Imperial Wildlife Area, including the Type A Wister Unit and the Type C Finney Ramer Unit (Imperial County);  
Indian Valley Wildlife Area, Type C (Lake County);  
Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area, Type C (Madera County);  
Knoxville Wildlife Area, Type C (Napa and Yolo counties)  
Laguna Wildlife Area, Type C (Sonoma County);  
Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area, Type C (Napa County);  
Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Type C (Del Norte County);  
Lake Earl Project Area, Type C (Del Norte County);  
Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area, Type C (Sonoma County);  
Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area, Type C (Fresno County);  
Los Banos Wildlife Area, Type A (Merced County);  
Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area, Type C (Sacramento County);  
Mad River Slough Wildlife Area, Type C (Humboldt County);  
Mendota Wildlife Area, Type A (Fresno County);  
Miner Slough Wildlife Area, Type C (Solano County);  
Morro Bay Wildlife Area, Type C (San Luis Obispo County);  
Moss Landing Wildlife Area, Type C (Monterey County);  
Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area, Type C (Shasta County);  
Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, including the American Canyon, Coon Island, Dutchman Slough, Huichica Creek, Napa River, Ringstrom Bay, Sonoma Creek, Tolay Creek, and Wingo management units, Type C, and White Slough Management Unit (Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties);

North Grasslands Wildlife Area, including China Island, Gadwall, and Salt Slough units, Type A (Merced and Stanislaus counties);  
 O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced County);  
 Oroville Wildlife Area, Type C (Butte County);  
 Petaluma Marshes Wildlife Area, Type C (Marin and Sonoma counties);  
 Point Edith Wildlife Area, Type C (Contra Costa County);  
 Putah Creek Wildlife Area, Type C (Solano County);  
 Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area, Type C (Napa County);  
 Red Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);  
 Rhode Island Wildlife Area, Type C (Contra Costa County);  
 Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area, Type C (Yolo County);  
 Sacramento River Wildlife Area, Type C (Glenn, Butte, and Colusa counties);  
 San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Type C (San Diego County);  
 San Jacinto Wildlife Area, including the Davis Road Unit, and the Potrero Unit, Type A (Riverside County);  
 San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area, \$4 range fee (San Luis Obispo County);  
 San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced and Santa Clara counties);  
 San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area, Type C (Marin and Sonoma counties);  
 Santa Rosa Wildlife Area, Type C (Riverside County);  
 Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Type B (Siskiyou County);  
 Spenceville Wildlife Area, Type C (Nevada and Yuba counties);  
 Surprise Valley Wildlife Area, Type C (Modoc County);  
 Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area, Type C (Colusa and Sutter counties);  
 Tehama Wildlife Area, Type C (Tehama County);  
 Truckee River Wildlife Area, including the Boca, Polaris, Union Ice, and West River management units, Type C (Placer and Nevada counties);  
 Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, including the Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek, and Llano Seco units, Type A (Butte and Glenn counties);  
 Volta Wildlife Area, Type A (Merced County);  
 West Hilmar Wildlife Area, Type C (Merced County);  
 White Slough Wildlife Area, Type C (San Joaquin County);  
 Willow Creek Wildlife Area, Type B (Lassen County);  
 Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, Type A (Yolo County).

## Northern California and North Coast

### (1) Ash Creek Wildlife Area

#### Type B Area

**14,754 acres**

**Location:** Within Big Valley, approximately four miles northeast of the town of Bieber. The area is adjacent to Ash Creek, upstream from Bieber-Lookout Road. Public access is allowed from designated parking sites. **Checking Station:** Registration of licensed hunters for each shoot day except for opening weekend of waterfowl season will be on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations:** Required for opening weekend of duck season. Each reservation will be good for both days of opening weekend, but applications must specify the Saturday hunt day in order to be considered. Successful applicants must obtain a Type A or Type B season entry pass. These passes are not available at the checking station. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Number will vary with amount of available water and applies only to opening weekend of waterfowl season. For information call (530) 294-5824.

(A) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, pheasants, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.

(B) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, doves, pheasants, and snipe. Pronghorn antelope may be taken during junior hunts only.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Designated portions may be closed to public entry from March 1 through August 15. No person shall enter or leave the wildlife area except at designated entry points. All dogs must be on a leash from March 1 to August 15.

### (2) Bass Hill Wildlife Area

#### Type C Area

**3,515 acres**

**Location:** Approximately six miles southeast of Susanville, adjacent to Highway 395. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (530) 254-6808.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during seasons for authorized species, except for Special Restrictions listed below.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: The Egan Management Unit of Bass Hill Wildlife Area shall be open to the use of shotguns, archery equipment, or muzzle-loading weapons, only, for all hunting seasons.



### (3) Battle Creek Wildlife Area

**Type C Area** **528 Acres**

(A) *Special Restrictions: Public entry is allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dog field trials, dog training, horseback riding and bicycles are prohibited. Dogs must be on leash and under direct owner control.*

(B) Hunting and possession of firearms and archery equipment is prohibited.

### (4) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area

**Type C Area** **1,600 Acres**

**Location:** *Located in Humboldt county along Highway 101 north of Trinidad.*

(A) *Special Restrictions: Motorized boards are restricted to 5 mph or less.*

### (5) Butte Valley Wildlife Area

**Type B Area** **13,392 acres**

**Location:** *In Butte Valley off Highway 97 south of Macdoel Drive west on Meiss Lake Road. **Reservations:** Required for opening weekend of duck season. Each reservation will be good for both days of opening weekend but applications must specify the Saturday hunt day in order to be considered. All hunting is first-come, first-served for the remainder of the season. Successful applicants must obtain a Type A or Type B season entry pass. These passes are not available at the checking station. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Number will vary with the amount of available water and applies only to opening weekend of waterfowl season. For information call (530) 398-4627.*

(A) *Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the waterfowl season. Pheasants: Sundays only during the pheasant season. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.*

(B) *Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, pheasants, and doves. Pronghorn antelope may be taken during junior hunts only.*

(C) *Camping and Trailers: Allowed.*

(D) *Special Restrictions: Boats with motors are prohibited. Boating and other water-related sports are prohibited from March 1 to September 1. No person shall enter or leave the area except at designated entry points. The area is open to public use only from two hours before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 to August 15.*

### (6) Eel River Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **1,722 acres**

**Location:** *Approximately six miles southwest of Eureka off Highway 101. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 445-6493.*

(A) *Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.*

(B) *Hunt Days: Daily, during open seasons for authorized species.*

(C) *Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, snipe, and pheasant.*

(D) *Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.*

(E) *Special Restrictions: Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 through August 15. Designated portions of the Eel River Wildlife Area may be closed to vehicle entry from March 1 through September 15. Use of all terrain vehicles is prohibited all year with the exception of commercial anglers who may utilize the wave-slope for fishing access.*

### (7) Elk River Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **87 acres**

**Location:** *Approximately two miles south of Eureka, off Highway 101. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 445-6493.*

(A) *Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.*

(B) *Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.*

(C) *Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, and snipe.*

(D) *Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.*

(E) *Special Restrictions: Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 through August 15.*

### (8) Fay Slough Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **484 acres**

**Location:** *Approximately one-half mile north of Eureka, off Highway 101. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 445-6493.*

(A) *Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.*

(B) *Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species.*

(C) *Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, and snipe.*

(D) *Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.*

(E) *Special Restrictions: Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 through August 15.*

### Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area.

**Type C area** **2,100 acres**

*(Listed here for information only; general regulations apply.)*

**Location:** *Modoc County. Approximately 12 miles southeast of Alturas. For information call (530) 225-2062*

**(9) Honey Lake Wildlife Area. (Fleming and Dakin Units)**

**Type B area 7,366 acres**

**Location :** Off Highway 395 about 3 miles east of Litchfield south on Mapes Road about 1.8 miles, left on Fish and Game Road to entrance of Fleming Unit. **Checking Station:** Type A or Type B season passes are required but are not available at the checking station.

**Checking station** opens two hours before shooting time on opening weekend and opens one hour before shooting time on a first-come, first-served basis after opening weekend. Hunters must register on the hunting day. Registration of licensed hunters for each shoot day, except for opening weekend of waterfowl season and pheasant season, will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No one will be checked in to hunt during the last hour of legal shooting time. **Reservations:** Required for opening weekend of duck and pheasant seasons. Each reservation will be good for both days of opening weekend, but applications must specify the Saturday shoot day in order to be considered. All hunting is first-come, first-served for the remainder of the season. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 125 at each unit. For information call (530) 254-6644.

(A) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season. Quail and rabbits: Waterfowl hunt days that occur during the pheasant season. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.

(B) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, quail, doves, and rabbits.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Designated portions of the wildlife area may be closed to all public entry from March 1 through August 15. No person shall enter or leave the area except at designated entry points. Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 to August 15.

**(10) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area**

**Type C area 5,017 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately fourteen miles north of Yreka. Take the Hornbrook exit off Interstate 5 and proceed east (right) on Copco Road for approximately ten miles to the confluence of Scotch and Camp creeks; turn left into the entrance of the wildlife area. The designated entry point for public access is through the main gate located in the southeast corner of Section 29, Township 48 North, Range 5 West, and is approximately 0.25 mile north of the junction of Horseshoe Ranch Road and Copco Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No

limit except during the M-2 (Horseshoe Ranch Muzzleloading Rifle Hunt) late deer season. For information call (530) 459-3926.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: All authorized methods of take except during the spring turkey season when only shotguns and archery equipment are permitted.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping: Camping allowed.

**(11) Lake Earl Wildlife Area**

**Type C area 5,431 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately three miles north of Crescent City. Hunter access is provided at three locations on Lake Earl. The south shore can be reached from Highway 101 by turning north on Northcrest Ave., which becomes Lake Earl Drive north of Crescent City, and proceeding approximately 2-1/2 miles to Lakeview Road, then turning left on Lakeview Road and proceeding 3/4 mile to the parking area and boat access ramp. To reach Teal Point Access at the north end of Lake Earl, proceed on Lake Earl Drive past Buzzinni Road for about 3/4 mile to Lower Lake Road, turn left on Lower Lake Road and proceed for about two miles to Kellogg Road; turn left on Kellogg Road and proceed for about one mile to the Pacific Shores subdivision; turn left on the main north-south access road and proceed south for approximately two miles to the access ramp and parking area.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 464-2523.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, snipe, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Possession and use of authorized firearms and archery equipment is permitted only within the first 100 feet of land along the shoreline and on the water surface of Lake Earl and Lake Talawa during the regular open waterfowl season. Boats are allowed, but motors are prohibited during the waterfowl season. Dogs are allowed only for hunting during open season for authorized species.

**(12) Lake Earl Project Area (Lands administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

Now Classified "Tolowa State Park." For Information, contact (707) 464-6101 ext. 5100.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Entry for hunting purposes is allowed only from the public access sites on Kellogg Road and Pala Road.

### **(13) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **547 acres**

**Location and Access:** About 1/2 mile west of Arcata, off Samoa Blvd. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 445-6493.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, and snipe.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Dogs are allowed only for hunting during open season for authorized species.

### **(14) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **571 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately ten miles east of the town of Cottonwood, where Cottonwood Creek enters the Sacramento River. Walk in access is adjacent to Adobe Road/Hacienda Road intersection.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (530) 225-2300.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Public entry is allowed from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Dog field trials, dog training, horseback riding, and bicycles are prohibited. Dogs must be on a leash from March 1 through August 15.

### **(15) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area**

**Type B area** **4,657 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately eight miles east of Yreka. From the town of Montague proceed 1-1/2 miles east on Ball Mountain/Little Shasta Road to the area headquarters entrance. Hunter checking station and camping area is located four miles past headquarters entrance off Big Springs Road.

**Reservations:** Required for opening weekend of duck season and available for each pheasant hunt day. Each reservation for duck hunting on the opening weekend will be good for both

days of opening weekend but applications must specify the Saturday hunt day in order to be considered. All waterfowl hunting is first-come, first-served for the remainder of the season. Successful applicants must obtain a Type A or Type B season entry pass. These passes are not available at the Wildlife Area. Registration of licensed hunters for each hunt day except for opening weekend of waterfowl season is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Number will vary. For information call (530) 459-3926.

(A) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: Sundays only during the pheasant season. Quail: Waterfowl hunt days only during waterfowl season. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season. Snipe: waterfowl hunt days only during waterfowl season.

(B) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, quail, and doves.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Only individuals possessing a "Type A" or Type "B" season pass and their guests (nonhunting guests and junior hunters) may enter Shasta Valley Wildlife Area on Wednesday, Saturdays, and Sundays during the waterfowl season. No person shall enter or leave the wildlife area except at designated entry points. Only electric boat motors are allowed. Dogs must be on a leash from February 1 to August 15. Pheasant hunters must have special permits obtained at the check station.

### **(16) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **459 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately nine mile south of Cedarville, on County Road 1. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (530) 233-3581.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed in south parking area, except during the period April 1 to August 15.

### **(17) Tehama Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **46,895 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately three miles south of the town of Paynes Creek, on Plum Creek Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except during deer season. For information call (530) 597-2201.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species, except for Special Restrictions listed below.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed.

## (D) Special Restrictions:

1. No person shall enter that portion of Tehama Wildlife Area lying south of Antelope Creek during the period beginning on the first Monday in December through the last Friday in March except with the prior written permission of the regional manager.

2. During the Zone G-1 deer season only persons with Department issued entry permits may enter the Tehama Wildlife Area.

3. Pig hunting is restricted to persons who have been issued a Tehama Wildlife Area Pig Hunt Permit.

4. Dogs may not be used to hunt wild pigs.

**(18) Willow Creek Wildlife Area**

*Type B area* 2,722 acres

**Location and Access:** From the town of Susanville proceed sixteen miles north on State Route 139 to the parking lot and check-in booth at the Meadow Canal. **Reservations:** Required for opening weekend of duck season. Each reservation will be good for both days of opening weekend but applications must specify the Saturday shoot day in order to be considered. All hunting is first-come, first-served for the remainder of the season. Successful applicants must obtain a Type A or Type B season entry pass. These passes are not available at the Wildlife Area. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Number will vary with the amount of available water for opening weekend. No quota thereafter. For information call (530) 254-6644.

(A) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, and moorhens.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

## Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra

**(19) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area**

*Type C area* 5,616 acres

**Location:** Between Sierraville and Loyalton in Sierra County. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily from July 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Trailers are not allowed. Camping is allowed only from May 1 through October 31.

(D) Special Restrictions: Hunting is allowed only from July 1 through January 31.

**(20) Clifton Court Forebay**

*Type C area* 3,000 acres

**Location:** Approximately three miles south of Byron, on Clifton Court Road. **Checking Station:** Self registration is required. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 60. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Entry Permit: Self-registration is required.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

**(21) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area**

*Type C area* 57 acres

**Location and Access:** Approximately eleven miles north of Knights Landing on the Sacramento River. Access by boat only. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles, pistols, or archery equipment may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and all upland game.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

**(22) Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area**

*Type C area* 1,248 acres

**Location and Access:** Approximately 1-1/2 miles north of Colusa. From Colusa, go north on River Road for 1-1/2 miles, then east on Laux Road for 1-1/2 miles to parking area. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### **(23) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **4,383 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 17 miles east of Marysville. From Marysville, take Highway 20 to Marysville Road; proceed north (left) on Marysville Road about 8.3 miles to the second Dolan Harding Road intersection. The Donovan Hill Unit begins here. The parking lot for the Daugherty Hill Unit is located one mile south of Marysville Road on Dolan Harding Road.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except during the first nine days of the spring turkey season. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: During the spring turkey season, only shotguns and archery equipment, and air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum for taking wild turkey), may be used in designated areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from July 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species and during the spring turkey season.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Camping not allowed. Overnight parking with trailers allowed in designated parking lots.

(E) Special Restrictions: Entry permit, issued by special drawing, is required for the first nine days of the spring turkey season. Hunting is allowed only from July 1 through January 31 and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be hunted. Dogs are allowed with a licensed hunter only while hunting. Horses and bicycles are allowed only from May 10 to September 15 on the Daugherty Hill Unit of the Daugherty Hill wildlife area only.

### **(24) Decker Island Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **35 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately three miles south of Rio Vista at the northern end of Decker Island on the Sacramento River. Access by boat only. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### **(25) Feather River Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **2,500 acres**

**Location and Access:** Abbott Lake and O'Connor Lakes Units - Access is 10 miles south of Yuba City and east of Garden Highway

to the parking lot on the levee at the end of Star Bend Road. Lake of the Woods and Star Bend Units - Access is 10 miles south of Marysville from the Star Bend Boat Ramp parking lot on Feather River Boulevard.

The Lake of the Woods Unit is located 3/10 mile downstream from the parking lot. The Star Bend Unit has walk-in access from the upstream end of the parking lot. Nelson Slough Unit - **Location** is 17 miles south of Yuba City and the wildlife area is under the Highway 99 bridge. Access is east or west of Highway 99 on Sacramento Avenue. Shanghai Bend Unit - Access is south of Yuba City and east of Garden Highway to the parking lot at the end of Shanghai Bend Road.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from July 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species and during the spring turkey season.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: No person shall enter that portion of the O'Connor Lakes Management Unit marked as closed to entry from March 1 through June 30 without special authorization of the Department. Hunting is allowed only from July 1 to January 31 and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be hunted.

### **(26) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **212 acres**

**Location:** Approximately three miles southeast of Knights Landing, off County Road 116. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Hunting is allowed daily from July 1 through January 31 for authorized species, and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be taken.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### **(27) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area**

**Type A area** **9,167 acres**

**Location and Access:** From the town of Gridley (on Highway 99) proceed five miles west on the Gridley-Colusa Road, turn south(left) on Pennington Road and travel three miles to checking station. This area can also be reached from Live Oak, by traveling west on Pennington Road eight and one half miles through Pennington, then north (right) on Almond Orchard Road for two miles to checking station.

**Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season the checking station

will be open at least two hours before shooting time and begin issuing permits to reservation holders. During pheasant season reservations will be honored on waterfowl shoot days with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

On non-waterfowl shoot days, quotas shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. During the waterfowl and pheasant season, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 400. For information call (530) 846-7500

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Every day during the first nine days of the pheasant season. Thereafter, during the regular pheasant season, pheasant hunting will be allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and only on waterfowl or pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. Quail and rabbits: Only on pheasant hunt days. Deer: Only during the Gray Lodge Deer Hunt under special permit issued by drawing.

(C) Day Use Pass Requirement for Public Access: In addition to a daily entry permit required for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, a day use pass or valid annual pass is required of all users except for users that possess a valid California sport fishing license, hunting license, or trapping license, or users that are under 16 years of age, or users that are part of an organized youth or school group, having free permits issued by the appropriate regional office.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, doves, quail rabbits, and deer (special hunt only).

(E) Camping and Trailers: Allowed only during the waterfowl season. Trailers may be placed no sooner than one week before the beginning of waterfowl season and must be removed no later than one week after the close of waterfowl season. All campers, defined as shell or shelter made to be mounted on a pickup truck, must remain attached to a registered vehicle when on the area. All trailers must be registered at the checking station within one week of placement.

(F) Special Restrictions: Closed to all nonhunting uses from two weeks before waterfowl season to one week after waterfowl season, except that a wildlife viewing area is open on most days during the entire year. Dove hunting is allowed only in designated portions of the wildlife area. Public entry is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except by written permission.

Horses are restricted to roads only on the east side of the area and are allowed only during July and August. Hunting with falcons is restricted to the east side of this area.

## **(28) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **13,400 acres**

**Location:** Approximately eleven miles east of Loyalton, one mile west of the California-Nevada border and roughly bisected by Highway 395.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily from July 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Hunting is allowed only from July 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species. Horses and bicycles are prohibited. Dogs are allowed for hunting only. The area is closed to public entry from February 1 through April 30. No person shall enter or leave the wildlife area between May 1 and January 31 except at the designated entry point adjacent to Highway 395.

## **(29) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **1,653 acres**

**Location:** Approximately eight miles southeast of Markleeville off Highway 89. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Boats are not allowed unless participating in the controlled entry fishing opportunity.

## **(30) Hope Valley Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **2,869 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately six miles northwest of Markleeville, at the junction of Highways 88 and 89. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily from the opening of archery deer season through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Backpack camping east of Highway 89 only. No open fires allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Hunting is allowed only from the opening of archery deer season through January 31.

## **(31) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **3,115 acres**

**Location and Access:** This area is a partially flooded island located directly north of Antioch

at the confluence and between the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and west of Sherman Island. The hunting area is accessible only by boat. The closest public boat launching site is the Wildlife Conservation Board ramp on the northwestern tip of Upper Sherman Island. This ramp can be reached via the county road that intersects Highway 160 near the north end of Sherman Island. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, pheasants, doves, and rabbits.

(D) Camping: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: The Regional Manager may determine whether decoys may be left in the field.

### **(32) Miner Slough Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **37 acres**

**Location:** Approximately ten miles north of Rio Vista at the junction of Miner Slough and Cache Slough. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### **(33) Oroville Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **11,871 acres**

**Location and Access:** West of Oroville and south of Highway 162, adjacent to the Feather River. The Thermalito Unit is five miles west of Oroville, east of Highway 99. Access is via Highway 162, Larkin Road and Wilbur Road. Area Headquarters located approximately 1/2 mile west of Highway 70 on Oro Dam Boulevard West. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except during the spring turkey season. For information call (530) 538-2236.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed, except at the designated target practice area.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from September 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species and during the spring turkey season.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Allowed in designated campsites. Erecting a shelter or parking a vehicle equipped with sleeping accommodations in a designated campsite is considered camping and shall be subject to camping restrictions provided in Subsection 550(b)(12).

(E) Special Restrictions: All legal firearms and archery equipment may be possessed and

discharged at the target practice area, which is open all year. Only paper and clay targets may be used and must be removed by the user when leaving the area. Use of the target practice area is permitted only from sunrise to sunset. Entry permits issued by special drawing are required for turkey hunting, which is allowed only during the spring turkey season. Hunting is allowed only from September 1 through January 31 and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be hunted. Fires are allowed only in portable gas stoves at sites designated for camping by the department. Dog training is allowed only in designated areas and only from July 1 through March 15. Horses are restricted to roads open to vehicles and within 25 feet of exterior boundary fences. Bicycles and horse drawn carriages are restricted to roads open to vehicles. No off-highway vehicles are allowed at any time. Public entry is allowed only from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset on some portions of the area.

### **(34) Putah Creek Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **673 acres**

**Location:** Approximately ten miles west of Winters, off Highway 128. The area is on the south side of Putah Creek about 800 feet downstream from Monticello Dam. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily from the opening of deer season through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Hunting is allowed only from the opening of the deer season through January 31.

### **(35) Red Lake Wildlife Area**

**Type C Area** **64 Acres**

(A) Hunt Days: During open seasons for authorized species from September 1 through January 31 and during archery deer season.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### **(36) Rhode Island Wildlife Area**

**Type C Area** **64 Acres**

**Location and Access:** Contra Costa County. By boat only.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open season for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping: Not allowed.

(E) No structures may be constructed.

**(37) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area****Type C area** **361 acres**

**Location and Access:** From Sacramento, proceed west on Business 80 Highway to the Harbor Boulevard exit; take Harbor Boulevard to County Road 22, go north on County Road 22 for 0.7 mile; turn west on County Road 126 or 127. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles, pistols, or archery equipment may be used or possessed. Shot shells only. No buckshot or slugs.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from September 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species, except big game species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Hunting is allowed only from September 1 through January 31.

**(38) Sacramento River Wildlife Area****Type C area** **3,358 acres**

**Location and Access:** This wildlife area consists of a number of disjunct units along the Sacramento River that are separated by private land. Boundaries have not yet been posted by the Department and users should be cautious about straying onto private land. Most units are dense riparian jungle, difficult to penetrate. **Locations** of four of the larger units are described here. The Pine Creek Unit is about one mile south of the Highway 32 bridge, west of Chico, on the northeast bank of the river. Access is by boat only. The nearest boat ramp is the Irving Finch River Access, south of the Highway 32 bridge on the west side of the river. The Shannon Slough Unit is reached by traveling west from Chico on Highway 32 for 10 miles to Hamilton City, south six miles on Highway 45, then east one mile on County Road 29. The Jacinto Unit is on the west side of the river and on the east side of Highway 45 at the junction with County Road 39. Access is by boat only. The nearest ramp is at Ord Bend Park. The Princeton Unit is along the west bank of the river beginning 1-1/2 miles downstream of Princeton Ferry. Access is by boat only. The nearest boat ramp is at Butte City. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from July 1 through January 31, and during the spring turkey season.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

**(39) Spenceville Wildlife Area****Type C area** **11,887 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately fifteen miles east of the town of Marysville. From Marysville proceed about eighteen miles east on Highway 20 to Smartsville Road. Proceed south (right) on Smartsville Road about one mile to area boundary. Turn left on Waldo Road for about 1/4 mile to the shooting range. From Wheatland proceed northeast to Camp Far West Reservoir and then follow Long Ravine Road about two miles north to area boundary.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except during the spring turkey season. For information call (530) 538-2236.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily from September 1 through January 31 during open seasons for authorized species and during the spring turkey season.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Allowed in designated campsites during the period September 1 through the end of the spring turkey season.

(D) Special Restrictions: Pursuant to the provisions of subsection 550(b), an entry permit, issued by special drawing, is required for the first 9 days of the spring turkey season. During the first nine days of the spring turkey season, the wildlife area is closed to all public entry, except those individuals possessing a special permit issued by the department. Hunting is allowed only from September 1 through January 31, and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be hunted. Horseback riding and bicycle riding shall be restricted to designated trails and roads, and dog training shall be restricted to designated areas. During the period from March 16 through June 30, dog training shall be prohibited. Fires are allowed only in portable gas stoves at sites designated for camping by the department. All legal firearms and archery equipment may be possessed and discharged at the designated target practice area, which is open all year. Only paper and clay targets will be allowed at the designated target practice area and must be removed prior to leaving the designated area. Use of the target practice area is permitted only from sunrise to sunset. The posted area surrounding the Spenceville Mine will be closed to public entry all year. For additional information about the closure, call (916) 358-2900.

**(40) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area****Type C area** **4,034 acres**

**Location:** Approximately ten miles south of the town of Sutter, where Reclamation Road crosses Tisdale Weir. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.



(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

#### **(41) Truckee River Wildlife Area**

**Type C area 725 acres**

**Location:** This wildlife area consists of 4 units located at and downstream of the town of Truckee. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

#### **(42) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area**

**Type A area 9,208 acres**

**Location and Access:** Howard Slough Unit: Approximately eleven miles west of Highway 99 on Highway 162. **Checking station** is on Road ZZ, one mile north of Highway 162. **Little Dry Creek Unit:** Ten miles west of the town of Gridley on the Gridley Colusa highway just before reaching Butte Creek. Then north at the area entrance half a mile to the check station.

**Llano Seco Unit:** North of Highway 162, west of 7 Mile Road, near the intersection of 7 Mile Road and Nelson Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Little Dry Creek Unit: (76 adults) 17 blinds, 36 free roam; Howard Slough Unit: (50 adults) 8 blinds, 36 free roam; Llano Seco Unit: (3 hunters per site, total 73 hunters; NOTE: area quota 30 hunters when hunting sites not assigned) 5 blinds, 21 assigned shooting zones.

**Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season for Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek units. No reservations available for the Llano Seco Unit. **Hunter Processing Procedure:** Daily hunter quotas will be filled by the following order: 1) reservations, 2) lottery numbers, 3) first-come, first-served numbers. For the Little Dry Creek Unit and the Howard Slough Unit, hunters without reservations may register at the checking station between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day to participate in a drawing that will be held at 8:00 p.m. All hunters wishing to participate in the lottery draw must be present to sign up for the lottery. The checking station will open two hours before shoot time and begin processing reservations in numerical order. Hunters without reservations or lottery numbers will be assigned first-come, first-served numbers beginning two hours before shooting time. The Llano Seco Unit will have a lottery sign up starting at 4:00 a.m. on the hunt day and the lottery will be held at 4:30 a.m. On all Units during the waterfowl and pheasant season, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. Permits returned after 3:00 p.m. shall

be filled out and deposited in "iron ranger" or "Drop box" before leaving area. For information call (530) 982-2169.

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open season during waterfowl season. Pheasant: Every day during the first five days of the season, and on waterfowl hunt days during the remainder of the pheasant season. Doves and rabbits: Daily during the September dove season, and on waterfowl or pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. Deer: Only during the Little Dry Creek Junior Deer Hunt under special permit issued by drawing.

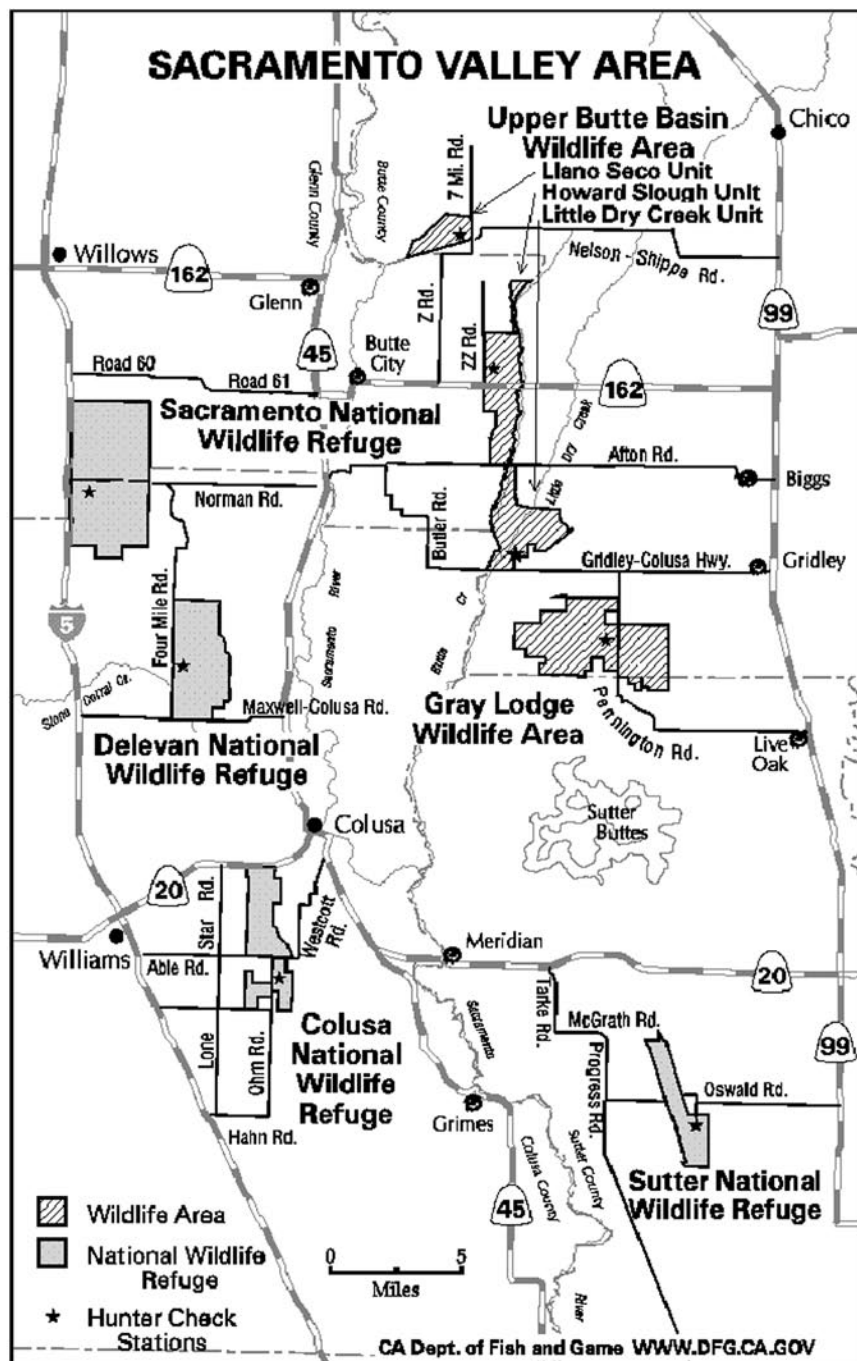
(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, dove, pheasants, and rabbits.

(D) Camping: Overnight Camping, including trailers and motor homes, shall be permitted only in checking station parking lots. (E) Special Restrictions: Closed to all nonhunting uses from two weeks before waterfowl season to one week after waterfowl season. Public entry is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except by written permission. Horses are prohibited. Dogs are allowed for hunting only. Within the assigned blind area at the Little Dry Creek Unit, hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(F) Special Junior Waterfowl Hunts in Zone 7 of the Howard Slough Unit: Special junior waterfowl hunts will be conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays of the waterfowl season in Zone 7 of the Howard Slough Unit commencing on the first Saturday after December 15. These hunts will commence at legal shooting time and close at 12:00 noon. A junior hunter must be accompanied by one adult hunter. Not more than one adult hunter and two junior hunters may occupy each blind. Hunters must remain in their blinds except to retrieve downed birds. All hunters must return to the Zone 7 parking lot by 1:00 p.m. Hunters will be selected from the Howard Slough reservation line. Hunters may be selected from the first-come first-served line after the Howard Slough reservation line is depleted.

(G) Bicycles: Not allowed during waterfowl season.

(H) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.



### **(43) White Slough Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **880 acres**

**Location:** Approximately eight miles west of Lodi. Access: Pond 5 Area is south of Walnut Grove Road; Pond 6 Area is north of Woodbridge road; Ponds 7 and 8 are east of Guard Road; and Ponds 9 through 13 are along the frontage road on the west side of Highway 5. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (916) 358-2900.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, pheasants, quail, and doves.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Possession and use of firearms or other propulsive device is prohibited in that portion of White Slough Wildlife Area designated as Pond 9. Horses are not allowed on the wildlife area. Hunting is allowed only from September 1 through January 31.

### **(44) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**

**Type A area** **3,700 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 3 miles east of Davis (4 miles west of West Sacramento) off Interstate 80. From eastbound Interstate 80, take East Chiles Road exit and travel east one-quarter mile to the west levee access. From westbound Interstate 80, take Frontage Road exit immediately west of the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access.

**Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. **Checking Station:** During approved hunting seasons, the parking lot and checking station will open two hours before shooting time and begin processing permits to reservation holders. Overnight parking is not permitted. On each Tuesday or Friday afternoon before a hunt day, hunters without reservations may register at the area headquarters 2 miles west of the hunter check station on County Road 32-B (Chiles Rd.) between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to participate in a lottery drawing that will be held at 6:00 p.m. for the hunt on the following day. The lottery for Sunday's hunt will be held at the check station at 6:00 p.m. with registration taking place all day Saturday. Hunters without reservations or lottery numbers will be assigned first-come, first-served numbers beginning two hours before shooting time at the hunter check station which is located within the bypass. Daily hunter quota will be filled by the following order: 1) reservations, 2) lottery numbers, 3) first-come, first-served numbers. No hunting permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 16 blinds (4-person) with a maximum capacity of 64, including juniors; 40 in the freeroam area.

Visitors should be aware that roads may not be passable for large vehicles such as motor homes, and such vehicles will not be permitted. For information call: (530) 757-2461.

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday during waterfowl seasons. Pheasants: Each day during the first nine days of the general pheasant season, and only Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays, during the remainder of the pheasant season. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasant.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Overnight parking of trailers and motor homes is not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Closed to all nonhunting uses from two weeks before waterfowl season to one week after waterfowl season, except areas designated for wildlife viewing purposes which are open on most days during the entire year. Public entry is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except by written permission. Horses are not allowed. Bicycles are restricted to designated areas only. No boats or flotation devices allowed. The Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is subject to immediate closure due to flooding in the Yolo Bypass. Within the assigned blind area, hunters must hunt from their assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind areas. Hunters may not access the free-roam area north of the northeast unit from parking lot H. Hunters may enter or exit the area only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or equipment is prohibited. Falconry hunting is allowed in designated areas.

## Central Coast

### (45) Big Sandy Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **853 acres**

**Location:** Approximately 9 miles north of Paso Robles. Entrance to parking lot is reached from Indian Valley Road on the east side of the Salinas River.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (831) 649-2870.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### (46) Cache Creek Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **2,633 acres**

**Location:** Approximately 29 miles west of Williams, south of Highway 20. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Trailers are not allowed. Primitive camping is allowed on all units of the Cache Creek Wildlife Area, except that no camping is allowed within one-quarter mile of designated parking areas.

(D) Special Restrictions: Use of dogs is restricted (see Section 265, Title 14, CCR). Dogs are not allowed for pig hunting at any time of year. An entry permit for hunting, issued by special drawing, is required for the first two days of the spring turkey season. Horses and bicycles are allowed within the Harley Gulch Unit of the wildlife area only from the third Saturday in April through the third Saturday in November.

### Clear Lake Wildlife Area.

**Type C area**

**Rodman Slough Unit** **approx. 97 acres**

(Listed here for information only; general regulations apply.)

**Location and Access:** Lake County, Clear Lake; water area of Rodman Slough north of the Nice-Lucerne cutoff. **Daily hunter capacity:** No Limit, but small area. Terrain is water with scattered marsh and riparian habitats. Public launch facilities located in Lakeport, Lakeside Park, Clear Lake State Park, Clearlake Oaks, and Lucerne. For information call (707) 944-5500.

### (47) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area

**Type A: Crescent, Grizzly Island and Joice Island units**

**Type B: Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, Island Slough and West Family units**

**Type C: Grey Goose Unit** **12,670 acres**

**Location and Access:** Within the Suisun Marsh approximately ten miles southeast of Fairfield. From the cities of Fairfield or Rio Vista on Highway 12, turn south on Grizzly Island Road one mile east of Fairfield and proceed south ten miles to the area headquarters. **Checking Stations:** Grizzly Island Unit checking station opens at least two hours before shooting time and begin processing permits to reservation holders. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. Goodyear Slough Unit will conduct drawings for blinds at least one and one-half hours before shooting time in the south parking lot off of the Lake Herman Road. Gold Hills, Island Slough, and West Family units do not have checking stations. First-come, first-served day-use permits shall be self-issued at registration box. Grey Goose Unit does not have a checking station and registration is not required. For the Type B units, Type A or Type B season passes are required for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, but are not available at these sites. **Reservations:** On the Crescent, and Grizzly Island units reservations are available for hunting waterfowl with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On the Joice Island unit all spaces are filled by reservation only. Pheasant hunters may have reservations on waterfowl shoot days with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On non-waterfowl shoot days quotas will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and the checking station will open at 7:00 a.m. to issue permits. On the Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, Grey Goose and Island Slough units; no reservations are available. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Crescent and Grizzly Island units: 350. Joice Island Unit: 35. Goodyear Slough Unit: Varies depending on water availability. Gold Hills Unit: 6. Island Slough Unit: 40. West Family Unit: Four (4) Junior hunters, each with an adult chaperone at designated blinds during waterfowl season only. Licensed adult chaperones possessing a type A or B season pass may hunt with the junior. Not open for pheasant hunting. For information call (707) 425-3828.

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: Shotguns may only be used with steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and not more than 25 shot shells may be possessed while in the field during the waterfowl season.

(B) Hunt Days: Crescent and Grizzly Island Units: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens, : Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Snipe: Snipe may be taken on waterfowl and pheasant hunt days. Pheasants: Each day during the first 12 days of the general pheasant season,

and only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the remainder of the pheasant season. Rabbits and doves: Rabbit hunting is allowed daily in July and on pheasant hunt days. Dove hunting is allowed daily during the season in September after the close of the Grizzly Island tule elk hunt and on pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. Joice Island Unit: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Sundays only when the department determines that the fall flight forecast and/or waterfowl numbers in the Suisun Marsh warrant its opening. Goodyear Slough, Gold Hills, and West Family units: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Island Slough and Grey Goose Units: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Garibaldi and Montezuma Slough units: No hunting allowed.

(C) Day Use Pass Requirement for Public Access: For the Grizzly Island Unit, in addition to a daily entry permit required for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, a day use pass or annual pass is required of all users except for users that possess a valid California sport fishing license, hunting license, or trapping license, or users that are under 16 years of age, or users that are part of an organized youth or school group, having free permits issued by the appropriate regional office.

(D) Authorized Species: Grizzly Island Unit: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, elk, rabbits, doves, and pheasants. Crescent, Grey Goose, and Island Slough units: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, rabbits, and pheasants. Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, Joice Island, and West Family units: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, and moorhens.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed except with prior written permission of the area manager during the tule elk hunting season.

(F) Special Restrictions: Garibaldi Unit: Closed to public use except with prior written permission from the area manager. Grizzly Island Unit: Closed to uses other than hunting from the last Monday in July through the end of the Grizzly Island tule elk hunting season and from October 1 through the end of the waterfowl season. No dogs allowed from March 1 to June 30. Dogs allowed during July. No dogs allowed in August and during the tule elk hunt season in September. Dogs allowed in September after the tule elk hunting season to September 30. No dogs during October through the close of waterfowl season except as follows: hunters with daily permits issued at the hunter checking station may only use dogs during the waterfowl and pheasant hunting season; no sight-hounds or coursing dogs allowed. Dogs allowed in February after the close of waterfowl season. Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, Gray Goose, Island Slough, Crescent and West Family units: Closed from October 1 through the end of the general waterfowl season to uses other than hunting. Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, Grey Goose, and West

Family Units: Closed to all public use except with prior written permission from the area manager from the end of the waterfowl season to September 30. Island Slough Unit: Open to public use from the end of the waterfowl season to September 30 (No dogs allowed during this period). Joice Island Unit: Closed to public use except when permits are issued for waterfowl hunting, or with prior written permission of the area manager and during the special season open to fishing from mid-May to mid-August (contact area Headquarters for details). On all units, horses are allowed only under permit and only during organized dog field trials. On all units, fires are restricted to portable gas stoves throughout the year and are to be used only in parking areas and designated sites. The use of boats for access on all management units of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, except the Grey Goose Unit, is prohibited. This shall not prohibit launching of boats at the Montezuma Slough unit for access to Montezuma Slough. Boats less than eight feet in length may be used to transport decoys and/or blind materials. Use of all terrain vehicles (ATV's) is prohibited on all units of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area.

**(48) Indian Valley Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **4,988 acres**

**Location and Access:** *Approximately 25 miles west of Williams or fourteen miles east of Clearlake Oaks off Highway 20. Travel north on Walker Ridge road to Bartlett Springs Road, turn left to Indian Valley Reservoir. Daily Hunter Capacity: No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.*

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Camping allowed, but trailers are prohibited.

(D) Special Restrictions: Use of dogs restricted (see Section 265).

**(49) Knoxville Wildlife Area**

**Type C Area** **8,104 Acres**

**Location and Access:** *Located in Napa and Yolo counties. Terrain is rugged. Access from the north via Lake County. Take Morgan Valley Road to the McLaughlin Mine where it becomes the Knoxville-Berryessa Road in Napa County (approximately 17 miles). Access from the south is from Highway 128 in Napa County to the Knoxville-Berryessa Road (approximately 23 miles). Daily Hunter Capacity: No Limit. For information call (707) 944-5531.*

(A) Special Restrictions: Camping allowed in designated areas. Primitive camping is allowed beyond one-quarter mile of designated parking areas.

**(50) Laguna Wildlife Area****Type C area**

**Location and Access:** Located in Sonoma County between Santa Rosa and Sebastapol, following the Laguna de Santa Rosa channel from Guerneville Road south to Occidental Road. Terrain is water and low gradient oak-grassland uplands. Access is presently limited to boats from the Laguna de Santa Rosa waterway during high water, and there is presently no land based access. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No Limit but small area. For information call (707) 944-5531.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(C) Special Restrictions: Horseback riding is not allowed from November 15 through June 15. Dogs are not allowed from March 2 through June 30. Campfires are prohibited.

**(51) Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area.****Type C area**

**Location:** On the east side of Lake Berryessa, from Monticello Dam on the south to Elicurea Creek on the north.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: As authorized during special hunts.

(B) Hunt Days: As authorized for special hunts.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Campfires are prohibited. Dogs are not allowed between February 15 and July 15.

**(52) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area****Type C area 8,000 acres**

**Location and Access:** Access approximately eleven miles northwest of Healdsburg off Dry Creek Road; and about 4-1/2 miles southwest of Cloverdale, off Hot Springs **Location and Access:** Access approximately eleven miles northwest of Healdsburg Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** As authorized for special hunts. For information call (707) 944-5500.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: As authorized during special hunts.

(B) Hunt Days: As authorized for special hunts.

(C) Entry Permit: Entry permit, issued by special drawing, is required. (See subsection 360(c) for deer hunt information.)

(D) **Daily Hunter Capacity:** As authorized for special hunts.

(E) Authorized Species: Deer, wild pigs, and turkeys.

(F) Camping and Trailers: Allowed in Army Corps of Engineers designated campgrounds only.

(G) Special Restrictions: No person, except by special authorization of the Department of Fish and Game, shall enter that portion of the Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area marked by signs as "Critical Habitat" during the period of February 1 through August 1. Dogs are not allowed.

**(53) Morro Bay Wildlife Area****Type C area**

**Location:** That portion of the western part of Morro Bay under lease to the Department of Fish and Game. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (831) 649-2870. **Please Note:** In areas open to hunting on, over, or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, the shooting times shall be 7 a.m. to sunset (see section 506, page B-1)

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: Hunters shall not possess in the field more than 25 shot shells.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl may be taken only from the opening day of brant season through the remainder of the waterfowl season.

**(54) Moss Landing Wildlife Area****Type C area 783 acres**

**Location and Access:** Access by boat only. Located adjacent to the north bank of Elkhorn Slough, approximately 1-1/4 miles north of the town of Moss Landing on Highway 1. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (831) 649-2870.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species. Campfires are prohibited.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Closed to all hunting on New Years Day. The Salt Ponds are closed to hunting.

**(55) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area****Type C area 14,000 acres**

**Location and Access:** Located west and north of Highway 37 near the city of Vallejo, east and south of Highway 121 near the cities of Sonoma and Napa. Access points include parking areas at the Huichia Creek, Tolay Creek, Wingo and Ringstrom Bay units, and by boat access via the Napa River, Sonoma Creek Dutchman, Napa, South, Hudeman and other tributary sloughs.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species, except that doves and rabbits may be hunted daily during the September dove season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, rabbits, quail, pheasants, and doves.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: White Slough Unit: Closed to all hunting and firearms and archery equipment

use. All units: Dogs are not allowed from March 2 through June 30. Campfires are prohibited.

#### **(56) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **3,713 acres**

**Location and Access:** *Approximately six miles southeast of Petaluma adjacent to the Petaluma river. Accessible only by boat via the Petaluma river or San Antonio Creek. Public boat ramps are located at the Petaluma Marina and on the west side of the Highway 37 bridge. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.*

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and rabbits.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek Units: Closed to hunting and firearms and archery equipment use. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. All units: Dogs are not allowed from March 2 through June 30.

#### **(57) Point Edith Wildlife Area**

**Type C Area** **761 acres**

**Location:** *Located 2-1/2 miles east of Martinez, north of Waterfront Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (831) 649-2870.*

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

#### **(58) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **340 acres**

**Location:** *Along the Silverado Trail, south of Rector Reservoir. **Daily hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.*

(A) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species from the opening of archery deer season through the last day of spring turkey season.

(C) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(D) Special Restrictions: Campfires are prohibited.

#### **(59) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area**

**Daily Range Fee** **450 acres**

**Location:** *Approximately five miles west of San Luis Obispo, on Highway 1. For information call (831) 649-2870.*

(A) Entry: No person shall enter the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area except that portion of the area designated as a public shooting facility under

supervision of the authorized rangemaster or with written permission from the regional manager.

(B) Period of Firearms and Archery Equipment Use: All year. No firearms or other propulsive devices of any kind may be possessed or discharged except at the designated shooting range at such time as the facility is open to the public and under the direction and control of the authorized rangemaster.

(C) Days of Operation: Wednesday through Monday, one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset.

(D) Hours of Operation for Lighted Ranges: One-half hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m.

(E) Fee: \$4 per day for range fees.

(F) Authorized Species: None.

(G) Camping and Trailers: Camping is restricted to the parking lot and not more than 30 vehicles may occupy the lot except under written permission of the regional manager.

(H) Special Restrictions: Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed on any part of the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area by any person who officially acts as a rangemaster, or by any person who attempts to discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow.

(I) Ammunition restrictions: Full metal jacket bullets not allowed.

#### **(60) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **11,038 acres**

**Location and Access:** *Located in the mudflats and surrounding San Pablo Bay waters in Marin County, between the mouths of the Petaluma River and Gollinas Creek. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (707) 944-5500.*

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Blinds: Shall be available on first-come, first-served basis.

## San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra

### (61) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **6,316 acres**

(A) Lower Cottonwood Creek Unit.

**Location:** Approximately 36 miles east of Gilroy and 10 miles west of Los Banos and northeast of Highway 152. Access either by foot, or by vehicle through the San Luis Creek Recreation Area. Vehicle users may be required to pay the park day use fee. The area is open to big and small game hunting, nature study and related activities. Visitors are cautioned to watch for rattlesnakes, especially during the mild spring and fall months. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (209) 826-0463.

1. Method of Take Restrictions: Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed. Archery equipment only may be used from the start of the Zone A archery deer season until the start of Zone A general deer season. 2. Hunt Days: Daily from opening of Zone A archery deer season through the last Sunday in January during open seasons for authorized species.

3. Authorized Species: All legal species.

4. Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

5. Special Restrictions: Dogs are not allowed for hunting wild pigs. Motor vehicles are not allowed beyond designated parking area. Horseback riding is not allowed. Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.

(B) Upper Cottonwood Creek Unit.

**Location:** Approximately 30 miles east of Gilroy and 20 miles west of Los Banos, on the north side Highway 152. Access is by foot only. The area is open to big and small game hunting, nature study and related activities. Visitors are cautioned to watch for rattlesnakes, especially during the mild spring and fall months. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except during the opening weekend of the general deer season when the number of users is controlled by a special drawing. For information call (209) 826-0463.

1. Method of Take Restrictions: All legal firearms and archery equipment. Firearms may be used or possessed only from the opening of the general Zone A deer season through the last Sunday in January. Archery equipment only may be used from the start of the Zone A archery deer season until the start of the Zone A general deer season.

2. Hunt Days: Daily from opening of Zone A archery deer season through the last Sunday in January during open seasons for authorized species.

3. Entry Permit: Self registration required. Special permit, obtained by special drawing, is

required for all entry during the opening weekend of Zone A general deer season.

4. Authorized Species: All legal species.

5. Camping and Trailers: Allowed in parking lot only.

6. Special Restrictions: Dogs are not allowed for hunting wild pigs. Motor vehicles are not allowed. Horseback riding is not allowed. Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.

### (62) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **450 acres**

**Location:** Approximately fifteen miles east of the town of North Fork, on Mammoth Pool Road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (559) 243-4005.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Only shotguns and archery equipment are permitted during the spring turkey season.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

### (63) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **828 acres**

**Location:** Approximately five miles west of Highway 5 and 30 miles west of Firebaugh, on the southern side of Little Panoche Road. Access is by foot only and is open to big and upland game, waterfowl hunting, fishing, nature study and related activities. Boats used for fishing or waterfowl hunting should be light enough to hand carry over rough, steep terrain. There is no vehicle accessible launching site. Visitors are cautioned to watch for rattlesnakes, especially during the mild spring and fall months. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (209) 826-0463.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Allowed in parking lot only, except during authorized dog trials when participants may park trailers at designated locations inside the area.

(E) Boats: Boats permitted but only electric trolling motors allowed.

(F) Entry Permits: Self-registration is required at the parking area.

(G) Special Restrictions: Dogs are not allowed for hunting wild pigs. Dogs must be leashed from April 1 through June 30. Horseback riding is allowed during authorized dog trials only. Motor vehicles are allowed only in designated areas and only during authorized dog trials. Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.



## **(64) Los Baños Wildlife Area**

### **Type A area**

**6,130 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately four miles northeast of the town of Los Baños. From Highway 152 near the east edge of Los Baños, turn north on Highway 165; travel north three miles and then east (right) on Henry Miller Avenue for approximately ¼ mile. Area is open to upland game and waterfowl hunting, fishing, nature study and related activities. **Mud Slough Unit:** Approximately 5 miles east of Los Baños on the north side of Highway 152. Permits for hunting will be issued at the Los Baños checking station. **Reservations:** Available for the waterfowl, pheasant and dove seasons.

**Checking Station:** Waterfowl and dove: During waterfowl season and for the opening day of the early dove season, the checking station will start issuing permits to reservation holders two hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire at this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. At this time lotteries will also be held for Volta WA and Merced NWR. Hunters may only sign up for a lottery draw on one of these areas. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have adult licenses. In blind areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the available blinds. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number or when signing in as a party on the first-come, first-served list must hunt the same hunting assignment.

**Pheasants:** On non-waterfowl hunt days, quotas will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Checking station** will start issuing permits at 7:00 AM.

During the waterfowl and pheasant season, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m.

**Blinds:** There are a maximum of 18 two-person general use blind sites, and 3 two-person junior

blinds in Zone 6. There are also 5 sets of double barrel blinds that are not regulated. Two platform blinds are accessible to wheelchair users. These blinds are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis to persons with verified disabilities. Persons who require these facilities should report to the checking station immediately upon arrival to the area. Blinds will be held for persons with disabilities until 2:00 p.m., at which time they will be open to general use. There are 10 two person blinds in the Mud Slough Unit junior area. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Los Baños Wildlife Area: Up to 150 during waterfowl and pheasant season; up to 300 during the early dove season. **Mud Slough Unit:** Open for up to 12 parties, made up of junior hunters and their adult partners during waterfowl and pheasant season. At Los Baños during waterfowl season, 20 spaces are available for long term parking of trailers, by special draw. Limited space is available for over night trailer parking. For information, phone (209) 826-0463.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken, and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shot shells taken into the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: Every day during the first nine days of the pheasant season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the remainder of the pheasant season and on the day following Thanksgiving. Other authorized species: Daily during open seasons during the periods July 1 through September 15, and from the beginning of waterfowl season through March 31, except that hunt days are limited to waterfowl and pheasant hunt days during the waterfowl and pheasant season. Raccoons may not be taken during the waterfowl or pheasant seasons. When the wildlife area is closed to general use, hunting will not be allowed.

(C) Entry Permits and Day Use Pass Requirement for Public Access: A daily entry permit is required to enter the area to hunt during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. A day use pass or annual pass is required of all users except for users that possess a valid California sport fishing license, hunting license, or trapping license, or users that are under 16 years of age. Organized youth or school groups must have prior approval from the area manager before being issued free daily entry permits by the appropriate regional office. Permits may be purchased at the entrance registration booth.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, doves, raccoons, and rabbits.

(E) Camping and Trailers: House trailers may not be taken beyond the checking station parking lot during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons.

(F) **Reservations:** For Zone 6, each reservation assures entry of no more than two persons. For Zone 6J, and the Mud Slough Unit, each reservation assures entry of one adult and one junior hunter. **Reservations** for free roam hunting are good for up to all two adult hunters, who may be accompanied by up to two junior hunters or non-shooters. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(G) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(H) **Special Restrictions:** Closed to all public uses from September 15 until the opening of waterfowl season. During the waterfowl and pheasant hunt seasons, the wildlife area will be closed to all public use, except for controlled hunting. However, wildlife observation may be allowed in authorized locations on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. The wildlife area may be closed to all public uses for seven days following the close of the waterfowl hunt season to allow for post season maintenance. Dogs must be on a leash from April 1 through June 30. Special permits are required to hunt Zone 6 and the Mud Slough Unit during the waterfowl season. When assigned blind sites, hunters shall shoot only from their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Horseback riding is allowed for authorized dog trials only. The cutting of woody stemmed plants is prohibited. Blinds may not be constructed or covered with plant material gathered from outside the wildlife area.

#### (65) Mendota Wildlife Area

**Type A area** **12,425 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately three miles southeast of Mendota or 16 miles west of Kerman on Highway 180 (Whites Bridge Ave.). Entrance located on the south side of Highway 180. Proceed on gravel road one mile to checking station. **Reservations:** Available for the waterfowl, pheasant and dove seasons. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season and for the opening day of the early dove season, the checking station will start issuing permits to reservation holders two hours before shooting time, except on opening day of waterfowl season, permits will be issued starting three hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire one hour before shooting time. **Blinds:** There are seven blinds accessible to hunters with verified disabilities. Blinds are issued on a first-come,

first-serve basis. *First-come, first-served entry permits shall be issued at the checking station on hunting day. During pheasant season, reservations will be honored on waterfowl shoot days, with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On non-waterfowl shoot days the hunter quota will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. During waterfowl season, 100 spaces are available for long term trailer parking by special drawing. Limited space is available for overnight parking. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 600. For information, phone (559) 655-4645.*

(A) **Ammunition Restrictions:** A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

(B) **Hunt Days:** Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. Pheasants: Every day during the first nine days of the pheasant season and only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the remainder of the pheasant season and on the day following Thanksgiving. Other authorized species: Daily during open seasons from July 1 through September 15, and from the beginning of waterfowl season through March 31, except that hunt days are restricted to waterfowl and pheasant hunt days during the waterfowl and pheasant season. Raccoons may not be hunted during the waterfowl season.

(C) **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, dove, rabbits, raccoons, and crows.

(D) **Camping and Trailers:** Allowed only at hunter check station during waterfowl season.

(E) **Special Restrictions:** The wildlife area is closed to all public use from September 16, until the opening of waterfowl season, except the designated tour route and fishing site which are open all year. The wildlife area is closed to all public uses, except regulated hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant hunt seasons. The wildlife area will be closed to all public uses for several days following the close of the waterfowl hunt season to allow for post season maintenance. Dogs must be on a leash from April 1 through June 30. Horseback riding is allowed during the authorized dog trials only.

#### (66) North Grasslands Wildlife Area

**Type A area** **7,069 acres**

**Location and Access:** China Island Unit: Located between Gustine and Newman; From Gustine-from the intersection of Highways 140 and 33, travel north on Highway 33 approximately 1.7 miles, turn right on Canal School Road, travel 1.4 miles and turn right onto Brazo Road, travel 0.7 miles and turn left through the gate and proceed 1.2 miles following signs into area. Permits for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant season are issued at the Kesterson Unit on Highway 140. See San Luis NWR for direction to Kesterson **Checking Station.**

Gadwall Unit: Located approximately two miles east of Los Baños at Santa Fe Grade. Permits for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant season are issued at the Salt Slough **Checking Station**. Salt Slough Unit: Located approximately 7 miles north of Los Baños. From Highway 152 in Los Baños, turn north on Highway 165 and proceed 6.5 miles north, turn right onto Wolfsen Road and proceed one mile to the checking station on the left side of the road. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** China Island Unit, 32 for waterfowl and increased to 60 during the pheasant season. Gadwall Unit, 20 for waterfowl and/or pheasant hunting. The Gadwall Unit is not open for dove hunting. Salt Slough Unit, 60 for waterfowl and/or pheasant hunting. **Reservations:** Available for waterfowl, pheasant and the early dove season. **Checking Station:** Waterfowl and Dove: During the waterfowl season and when reservations are required during the early dove seasons, permits will be issued to reservation holders starting two and a half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire after this time. China Island reservations will expire one and one-half hour before shooting time. No checking station will be run for hunting during the early dove season at China Island. Hunters without reservations for the Salt Slough or Gadwall Units may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be permitted to hunt that day. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have an adult license. In blind areas each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the available blinds. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number or when signing in as a party on the first-come, first-served list must hunt the same hunting assignment. Hunters without reservations for the China Island Unit may register at the Kesterson **Checking Station**, between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have adult licenses. In blind areas each lottery number may allow entry up to the capacity of the blind. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number or when signing in as a party, on the first-come, first-served list must hunt the same hunting assignment. No permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. If pheasant season opens on a non-waterfowl shoot day, the checking station will be open one hour before pheasant shooting time for the first two days of the season. Permits to hunt on the first Monday of pheasant season will also be issued at the Kesterson Unit checking station. On all other pheasant shoot days that are not waterfowl shoot days, permits will be issued at the Los Baños Wildlife Area checking station. For information, phone (209) 826-0463.

(A) Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken, and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shot shells taken into the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl seasons. Snipe may be taken on waterfowl and pheasant hunt days. Pheasants: Every day during the first nine days of the pheasant season and thereafter on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays during the remainder of the pheasant season and on the day following Thanksgiving. Dove: Opening day of the early dove season, and from the first Saturday of the early dove season through September 15, and on pheasant and waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season. Rabbits: Daily during the open season from July 1 through September 15, and from the day after waterfowl season through the end of rabbit season, and on waterfowl and pheasant hunt days. Other authorized species: Daily during open seasons from July 1 through September 15, and from the beginning of waterfowl season through March 31, except that hunt days are restricted to waterfowl and

pheasant hunt days during the waterfowl and pheasant season. Raccoons may not be hunted during the waterfowl season

(C) **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, doves, raccoons, and rabbits.

(D) **Camping and Trailers:** Not allowed beyond checking station.

(E) **Special Restrictions:** Dogs must be on a leash from April 1 through June 30. Horseback riding is allowed for authorized dog trials only. Closed to all public use from September 15 to the opening of waterfowl season, and may be closed to all public uses for seven days following the close of waterfowl season to allow for post season maintenance.

(F) **Reservations and Entry Permits:** A type A permit is required for entry during waterfowl and pheasant seasons. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

#### (67) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **700 acres**

**Location:** Approximately ten miles west of Los Baños and two miles south of Santa Nella, west of Highway 33. Area is accessed by foot only and is open to small game hunting, dog training and trials, nature study and related activities. Rattlesnakes are present so caution should be observed, especially during the mild spring and fall months. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit except on the opening day of dove and pheasant seasons, and on days following the junior pheasant hunts, when a maximum of 40 hunters is allowed for pheasant hunting and 60 for dove hunting. On days when the quota is restricted, permits shall be issued by lottery, if more than the area quota is present, at the parking lot, two hours before shooting time. On the day following a junior pheasant hunt, junior hunters and their supervising adults will have priority entrance to the area. There can be no more than one adult per junior, but an adult may supervise two junior. After parties with juniors are admitted, other adult hunters may enter. Only junior hunters with special permits may hunt during junior pheasant hunts. For information, phone (209) 826-0463.

(A) **Method of Take Restrictions:** Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) **Hunt Days:** Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) **Entry Permits:** Self registration at the parking lot is required, except for opening day of dove and pheasant seasons, junior pheasant hunts, and the day following the junior pheasant hunt, when capacity is controlled. Junior pheasant hunt permits shall be issued through a special drawing.

(D) **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, pheasants, quail, doves, rabbits, and crows.

(E) **Camping and Trailers:** Allowed in parking lot only and in other designated locations inside the wildlife area during authorized trials.

(F) **Special Restrictions:** Dogs must be on a leash from April 1 through June 30. Horseback riding is allowed only during authorized dog trials. Motor vehicles are permitted only in designated areas and only during authorized dog trials. Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.

#### (68) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area

**Type C area** **868 acres**

**Location:** Approximately 30 miles east of Gilroy. Located in the Pacheco Pass area, south of Highway 152. Accessed by foot only. Open to big and small game hunting, nature study and related activities, including a ¼ mile nature loop starting at the parking lot on Dinosaur Point Road. Rattlesnakes are common so caution should be used, especially during the mild spring and fall months. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information, phone (209) 826-0463.

(A) **Method of Take Restrictions:** Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) **Hunt Days:** Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) **Authorized Species:** All legal species.

(D) **Entry Permit:** Self registration at the parking lot on Dinosaur Point Road is required.

(E) **Camping and Trailers:** Allowed in parking lot only.

(F) **Special Restrictions:** Dogs are not allowed for wild pig hunting. Horseback riding is not allowed. Motor vehicles are prohibited. Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.

#### (69) Volta Wildlife Area (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Lands)

**Type A area** **3004 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately ¼ mile north of Volta on Ingomar Grade. From Highway 152, take Highway 33 north to Santa Nella, or from Interstate 5 take the Santa Nella exit and proceed south on Highway 33; turn east on Henry Miller Avenue, travel 4 ½ miles, turn left over the railroad tracks and then left again and proceed north about ¼ mile on Ingomar Grade Road. From Los Baños, proceed west on Highway 152 for approximately 3 ½ miles to Volta Road; turn north (right) on Volta Road and proceed 3 miles. Turn left at stop sign; proceed about ¼ mile; turn right over railroad tracks and turn left; proceed approximately ¼ mile on Ingomar Grade Road. The area is accessed by foot only except for waterfowl and pheasant hunting. Area is open to small game hunting, fishing, nature study, and related activities. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl and pheasant seasons. **Checking Station:**

Permits will be issued to reservation holders starting two hours before waterfowl shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. **Reservations** will expire at this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the Los Baños Wildlife Area checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have adult licenses. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis, by the order they are parked at the Volta checking station. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number or when signing in as a party on the first-come, first-served list must hunt the same hunting assignment. No permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Limited up to 150 during waterfowl season and 50 on pheasant hunt days when there is no duck hunting. Only six parties will be allowed with boats with a maximum of four persons per boat. Boats will be launched at the bridge at the corner of field 26, and vehicles will be returned to parking lot 1. During waterfowl season, 12 spaces are available for long term parking of trailers, by special drawing. Limited space is available for overnight parking. For information, phone (209) 826-0463.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Limited to shotguns and archery equipment. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken, and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shells taken into the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: Every Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday during the pheasant season when the pheasant season occurs during the same period as waterfowl season. Other Authorized Species: Daily from July 1 through September 15, and from the beginning of waterfowl season

through March 31 when in season, except that hunt days are restricted to waterfowl and pheasant hunt days during the waterfowl and pheasant season

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, pheasants, and rabbits. Rabbits may not be taken during the waterfowl season.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Allowed at checking station parking lot during waterfowl season only. Boat trailers are permitted beyond the checking station for the purpose of launching boats at designated areas. Permit holders may drive to designated parking areas during waterfowl and pheasant hunt seasons only. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited, except vehicles may be driven past parking lot 1 to launch boats.

(E) Special Restrictions: Closed to all public use from September 15 until the beginning of waterfowl season, except for fishing in the Volta Wasteway Channel. From September 15 through the Saturday following the end of waterfowl season, fishing is restricted to the Volta Wasteway Channel for a distance of one mile downstream of Ingomar Grade. The wildlife area is closed to all nonhunting uses during the waterfowl season. The cutting of woody stemmed plants is prohibited. Blinds may not be constructed or covered with plant material brought from outside the wildlife area.

(F) Reservation and Entry Permits: A type A permit is required for entry to hunt during the waterfowl and pheasant hunt seasons. All other users must self register at the fishing access booth. Persons entering together on a reservation will receive the same hunting assignment.

(G) Except during waterfowl and pheasant seasons, when hunting permittees are allowed to drive to designated parking areas, vehicle access is not allowed. Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

## **(70) West Hilmar Wildlife Area**

### **Type C area**

**340 acres**

**Location and Access:** On the east side of the San Joaquin River (Merced Co.) approximately four miles downstream from Hills Ferry. Access is only by boat. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (209) 826-0463.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) Authorized Species: Quail, doves, pheasants, rabbits, and waterfowl.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

## South Coast, Inland Deserts, and Eastern Sierra

### (71) Baldwin Lake, San Bernardino National Forest

#### Type C area

**Location and Access:** Approximately five miles northeast of Big Bear Lake. The designated boat launch area for waterfowl hunters is located on the northwest shore of Baldwin Lake adjacent to Highway 18. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Approximately 35 reservations depending on water conditions. For information call (909) 484-0167.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons for authorized species.

(C) **Reservations** and Entry Permits: Waterfowl hunting reservations, which serve as entry permits, are required for the first seven hunt days (Saturdays and Wednesdays) of duck season. Beginning on the fourth Wednesday of the season, entry permits are not required.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(F) Special Restrictions: Shore hunting is not allowed. Hunting is permitted only from boats. All boats must be in and completely surrounded by water. All boats must be launched from the designated sites only. Hunting is permitted only in designated areas. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

### (72) Hollenbeck Wildlife Area

#### Type C Area 5,200 Acres

**Location and Access:** San Diego County, approximately 15 miles south of El Cajon, off Highway 94, east on Honey Springs road to day use parking area. For information, call (858) 467-4201.

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed. No shotgun with a live round in the chamber may be possessed outside of the designated hunting zone.

(B) Hunts Days: Daily during general season from September 1 through January 31 in designated area(s).

(C) Authorized Species: Upland game birds and resident small game.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Camping and overnight use is not allowed, horse trailers are permitted within the designated parking area, if space is available.

(E) Fires: Not allowed year round.

(F) Dog Training: Allowed only in designated areas from September 1 through February. Only male ring-neck pheasants, male bobwhite quail, either sex feral pigeons, and male mallard ducks may be used for dog training purposes. Release

or possession of female ring-neck pheasant, female bobwhite quail, female mallard, or any bird species is prohibited. It is unlawful to release or possess a male mallard duck without at least one wing clipped.

(G) Special Restrictions: Upland game and resident small game species may be taken only in designated areas. Horse and bicycle use is limited to designated trails and/or routes. Paint ball guns may not be used or possessed.

### (73) Imperial Wildlife Area

#### (A) Wister Unit

#### Type A area 5,883 acres

**Location and Access:** Reached by proceeding five miles northwest of Niland on Highway 111. **Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season the checking station will open at 3:00 a.m. and begin processing reservations in numerical order. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one and one-half hour before shooting time. Hunters without reservations may register at the checking station between 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day to participate in a drawing that will be held at 10:30 p.m. to establish the order of sale of permits to fill existing vacancies. After that list is exhausted, permits will be issued on a first-come, first served basis as hunting sites become available. When leaving the area, all waterfowl and pheasant hunters must turn in permits to a Department employee at the checking station. On pheasant hunt days, Mondays and Thursdays, the checking station will open at 7:00 a.m. Pheasant hunting will be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservation required. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Maximum of 100 parties combined for the Wister Unit and the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge. For information call (760) 359-0577.

1. Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

2. Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Snipe may also be taken on pheasant hunt days. Doves: Daily during the September dove season and on pheasant hunt days. Pheasants: Mondays and Thursdays during the pheasant season. Rabbits: Daily during season, except during the waterfowl season. Rabbits may also be hunted on pheasant hunt days. Quail: Only on pheasant hunt days. Raccoons: Daily from August 1 through one week before the waterfowl season.

3. Day Use Pass Requirement for Public Access: In addition to a daily entry permit required for hunting during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, a day use pass or valid annual wildlife pass is required of all users, except for users who possess a valid California sport fishing license,

# IMPERIAL VALLEY AREA

Imperial County

## Imperial Wildlife Area Wister Unit

Salton Sea

Beach Rd.

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Noffsinger Rd.

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Schrimpf Rd.

### Hazard Unit

Managed by Sonny Bono Salton Sea NWR

## Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge

Sinclair Rd.

Garst Rd.

Alamo River

Eddins Rd.

Calipatria

Bowles Rd.

## Imperial W/A Ramer Unit

New River

Gentry Rd.

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Westmorland

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Brawley

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hunting license, or trapping license or users who are under 16 years of age, or users who are part of an organized youth or school group and having free permits issued by the appropriate regional office.

4. **Hunting Party Size and Restrictions:** Waterfowl hunting parties may not exceed 6 individuals nor 4 adults. At the Union Tract and Hazard Unit each blind site will be limited to 4 individuals. At the Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area on waterfowl hunt days, 6 individuals are allowed per reservation with no more than 4 adults.

5. **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, doves, pheasants, quail, rabbits, and raccoons.

6. **Camping and Trailers:** Limited camping in designated area. Campers must obtain a use permit daily. No unattached trailers or tents allowed on the checking station parking lot.

7. **Special Restrictions:** Waterfowl hunters must hunt from within 100 yards of assigned blind sites. Closed to all nonhunting uses from one week before waterfowl season through the last day of waterfowl season, except for designated wildlife viewing sites and designated fishing areas. Only hand-portable boats and only electric boat motors may be used.

(B) Finney-Ramer Unit

1. **Method of Take Restrictions:** No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

2. **Ammunition Restrictions:** A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

3. **Hunt Days:** Daily during open seasons for authorized species during the period July 1 through January 31.

4. **Day Use Pass Requirement for Public Access:** Daily entry permits are required of all persons hunting or for other area uses. A day use pass or annual wildlife pass is required of all users except for users that possess a valid California sport fishing license, hunting license, or trapping license or users that are under 16 years of age, or users that are part of an organized youth or school group and having free permits issued by the appropriate regional office.

5. **Checking Station:** Entry permits are required and will be available at the self-service registration booths at both Finney and Ramer lakes on a first-come, first-served basis.

6. **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, quail, doves, pheasants, rabbits, and raccoons.

7. **Boats:** Boats are required for waterfowl hunting; however, no motor-driven boats, except those with electric motors, shall be permitted.

8. **Camping and Trailers:** Allowed only in designated area at Finney Lake.

9. **Special Restrictions:** Waterfowl hunting is allowed only from boats and islands. Dog field trials are allowed only in designated areas.

## **(74) Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area** **Day use fee**

**Location and Access:** This area is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Perris. From Highway 60 east, take Moreno Beach Drive south 3 miles to Via Del Lago. Continue east one mile to Lake Perris entry gate. Check station is 1/2 mile past gate at Power Cove Launching Area (lots 11 & 12). **Blinds:** Hunters must bring their own material. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season the checking station will open at 5:00 a.m. Hunting sites will be drawn at the checking station on the morning of each shoot day. Waterfowl hunters will not be admitted after 6:30 a.m. **Reservations:** No reservations are available. Waterfowl hunt sites assigned on a first-come, first-served basis each hunting day. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** On waterfowl hunt sites, 15 with a maximum of two hunters per site. For information call (951) 928-0580.

(A) **Method of Take Restrictions:** No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

(B) **Hunt Days:** Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons. Upland game: Daily during respective seasons that fall within the period from the first Saturday following Labor Day through January 31.

(C) **Hunt Hours:** Shooting times for migratory waterfowl, snipe, coots, and moorhens will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. Upland game: as provided in the regulations.

(D) **Entry Permit and Fee:** Except for the recreation area day-use fees, there are no additional fees for waterfowl or upland game hunting.

(E) **Authorized Species:** Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, doves, pheasants, quail, and rabbits.

(F) **Boats:** Boat with motor required.

(G) **Camping and Trailers:** Not allowed on hunting area.

(H) **Special Restrictions:** Shore hunting for waterfowl, coots, and moorhens not allowed. Upland game may be taken only in designated areas. Fishing shall be permitted in the designated waterfowl hunting area only on non-shoot days.

## **(75) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area**

**Type C area**

**14,174 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 10 miles northeast of the town of Julian between State Highways 78 and 79. County Highway S-2 bisects the length of the wildlife area and provides public access. Current boundaries are displayed at the information kiosk located on the west side of highway S-2 approximately 11.4 miles east of the junction of Highways S-2 and 79. Parking is allowed along Highway S-2 and pedestrian access is allowed from the road along the length of the wildlife area boundary. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information, call (858) 467-4201.



(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Use and possession of rifles and pistols may be prohibited in designated areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily from September 1 through January 31 and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be hunted.

(C) Authorized Species: All legal species.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: D-16 General Deer Zone Tags may not be used west of Highway S-2. Horse and bicycle use is limited to designated routes. Dog training is allowed only in designated areas from September 1 through February.

## **(76) San Jacinto Wildlife Area**

**Type A area** **10,000 acres**

**Location and Access:** In western Riverside County east of Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area. **Checking station** is on Davis Road 2-1/4 miles north of Ramona Expressway. Davis Road may be impassible after heavy rain. **Checking Station:** On waterfowl hunt days, the checking station will open at 3 a.m. and begin issuing entry permits to reservation holders. Waterfowl hunters without reservations must register at the checking station at that time. A drawing will be held each hunt day to fill waterfowl hunt vacancies. Waterfowl hunt site vacancies will not be filled after 2 p.m. For Pheasant hunters, the check station will open at 6:30 a.m. each shoot day. **Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons (see subsection below). Pheasant hunting is through reservation only. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Waterfowl: 35 reservations; pheasants: 35 reservations. For information call (951) 928-0580.

(A) Davis Road Unit

1. Ammunition Restrictions: A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during the waterfowl season.

2. Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays and Wednesdays during the duck season. Upland game: Daily during respective seasons that fall within the period July 1 through January 31. Pheasant: Mondays during the pheasant season.

3. **Reservations,** Entry Permits and Day Use Pass Requirements for Public Access: **Reservations** are available for waterfowl and pheasant hunting, and are required for pheasant hunting. In addition to a daily entry permit required for hunting waterfowl and pheasants, a day use pass or annual wildlife pass is required of all users except for users that possess a valid California sport fishing license, hunting license, or trapping license, or users that are under 16 years of age, or users that are part of an organized youth or school group and having free permits issued by the appropriate regional office.

4. **Reservations:** Each reservation shall assure entry for up to two adults and two holders of junior hunting licenses.

5. Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, doves, quail, pheasants, snipe, and rabbits.

6. Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

7. Special Restrictions: Upland game (doves, pheasants, quail, snipe, and rabbits) may be taken only in designated areas. A self-issued permit is required to enter the upland game hunting area.

(B) Potrero Unit

1. Camping and Trailers: Camping and overnight use is not allowed.

2. Any person within the unit shall have in his or her immediate possession a current valid day use pass for the Potrero Unit. No person may be within the boundaries of the unit during hours or dates that the unit is closed to unrestricted public access.

3. No motorized vehicles allowed except by written permission of the regional manager.

4. Bicycle use is limited to designated trails and/or routes.

5. No person shall enter or leave the unit except at designated entry and exit points.

6. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed on the premises.

7. Paintball guns, parts or supplies may not be used or possessed.

8. Fires: Not allowed year round.

9. Dogs must be kept on a leash and under the immediate control of the owner or owner's designee, unless actively involved in legal hunting or other authorized activity.

10. Authorized Species: Upland game birds and resident small game.

11. Special Restrictions: Upland game and resident small game species may be taken only in designated areas unless otherwise restricted or limited within the unit.

## **(77) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area**

**Type C area** **103,229 acres**

**Location and Access:** Approximately fifteen miles southwest of Indio. Approximately ten miles south of Indio on Highway 86, take the trail west to Martinez Canyon. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** No limit. For information call (760) 200-9178.

(A) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species.

(B) Authorized Species: Deer, rabbits, and quail.

(C) Special Restrictions: No person, except authorized personnel, shall possess or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, spear gun, or other propulsive device of any kind on that portion of the Santa Rosa Wildlife Area lying within Fish and Game refuge District 4D (see Section 10837, Fish and Game Code).

## 552. Regulations for National Wildlife Refuges Where Hunting Programs are Administered by the Department of Fish and Game

**Note:** In addition to the following State regulations, Federal regulations prohibit littering and the possession of alcohol while hunting on national wildlife refuges.

(a) The power to control entry on the federally owned areas listed in subsection 551(a)(2) is at the discretion of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The following lands owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are open to hunting by the public under control of the California Department of Fish and Game.

### (1) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **Type A area**

**NOTE:** Check station location.

**Location and Access:** Approximately five miles east of Williams. Traveling south on Interstate 5, turn east 2 miles south of Williams on Husted Road, proceed north one mile to Able Road, then east three miles to Lone Star Road, then south two miles to Ware Road, then east 1-1/2 miles to checking station. Travelling north on Interstate 5, exit Hahn Road east, turn north on Lone Star Road 3.9 miles to Ware Road, then east 1-1/2 miles to checking station. Traveling on Highway 20, turn south approximately halfway between Williams and Colusa onto Lone Star Road, then 5-1/2 miles south to Ware Road, then east 1-1/2 miles to checking station. **Caution:** Chest waders are highly recommended. **Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season, the checking station will be open at least two hours before shooting time and begin issuing permits to reservation holders. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. Hunters without reservations may register at the checking station for a drawing. The drawing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day. The results of the drawing will establish the order of sale of entry permits to fill existing vacancies in the hunter quota. Non-reservation hunters arriving after 8:00 p.m. will be assigned numbers in consecutive order. Hunters must be present when these numbers are called. Parking area gates and checking station will open at 6:00 p.m. the day before each hunt day. **Reservations** will not be issued for the first Monday of pheasant season when only pheasant may be hunted. Hunters may register for a drawing on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A drawing will be held at 4:00 p.m. to establish order of entry. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Assigned pond area: 26

adults, plus juniors. Freeroam area: 54 total hunters, including juniors. Juniors need not be present to receive a number. Assigned Ponds: A party consists of up to two adults and each adult may bring up to two juniors or non-hunters. Quota: Six ponds (assigned pond numbers 4, 5, and 7-10): one party in each pond; Pond P1: up to four parties; Pond P2: up to three parties, of which two parties must consist of at least one disabled hunter, and the other party must consist of at least one junior hunter. During the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. For information call (530) 934-2801.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(E) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(F) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(G) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

### (2) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **Type A area**

**NOTE:** On Saturday, December 17, 2005 all hunting sites are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free-roam areas, (contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 934- 2801 for information).

**Location and Access:** Approximately 5 miles east of Maxwell. Traveling on Interstate 5, turn east at the town of Maxwell on Maxwell-Colusa Road and proceed approximately 3-3/4 miles to graveled Four Mile Road, proceed north two miles to checking station. From Colusa, the area is reached by traveling north on the Colusa-Princeton Road five miles, then west on the Colusa-Maxwell Road 4 miles to graveled Four Mile Road. Proceed north 2 miles to checking station. **Caution:** Chest waders are highly recommended. **Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons.

**Checking Station:** During waterfowl season, the checking station will be open at least two hours before shooting time and begin issuing permits to reservation holders. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. Non-reserved entry permits will be issued at checking station on hunting day. Hunters without reservations may register at the checking station for a drawing. The drawing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day. The results of the drawing will establish the order of sale of entry permits to fill existing vacancies in the hunter quota. Non-reservation hunters arriving after 8:00 p.m. will be assigned the next available number. Hunters must be present when these numbers are called. Parking area gates and checking station will open at 6:00 p.m. the day before the hunt. No reservations will be issued for the first Monday of the pheasant season when only pheasants may be hunted. Hunters may register for a drawing on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A drawing will be held on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. to establish order of entry. Lottery procedures will be followed. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 28 hunting sites (4-person), 3 assigned ponds (4-person), and in the freeroam area: 58 including juniors and one pontoon boat for disabled hunters (2-person). Juniors need not be present to receive a lottery or first-come, first-served number. During the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. For information call (530) 934-2801.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: First Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

(E) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(G) **Reservations:** Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within 100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant hunting is not permitted

in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

### (3) Kern National Wildlife Refuge.

#### Type A area

**Location and Access:** Approximately 1–1/2 miles south of the Kings-Kern County line on Corcoran Road (Corcoran Highway). From Interstate 5 take Highway 46 east toward Wasco for 3 miles to Corcoran Road. Turn north on Corcoran Road and Proceed 10 miles to checking station. Traveling from Delano, take Garces Highway (Highway 155) west for about nineteen miles to checking station.

**Reservations:** Available during the regular Waterfowl season. Each reservation assures entry into the area selected for the date issued.

**Free Roam Areas:** A reservation shall assure entry for up to six persons, including the person whose name the reservation was issued. No more than two persons may be hunters who have adult licenses. Each person who is at least 18 years of age may be accompanied by up to two hunters holding junior hunting licenses, two non-shooters, or one of each. **Space Blind Areas:** A reservation shall assure entry for up to four persons including the person whose name the reservation was issued, including junior hunters.

**Checking Station:** During the regular waterfowl season, the checking station will open at least two and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one and one-half hours before shooting time, after which they will no longer be valid. Non-reserved entry permits are issued at the checking station on each hunt day.

Order of issue will be determined by a drawing held two hours before shooting time, on the morning of each shoot day. Hunters who wish to participate in the drawing must fill out an application (available at the checking station) and deposit at the checking station no later than two hours before shooting time.

**Daily Hunter Capacity:** During the regular Waterfowl season, several blind sites holding from one to four hunters plus non-blind free roam areas are available. Two disabled person accessible blinds are also available. At least one disabled person blind will be available opening day to any disabled reservation holder. In the event that the disabled person accessible blinds are not requested by a disabled reservation holder, they will be made available to stand-by disabled hunters in a separate drawing held two hours prior to shoot time on the morning of the hunt. All persons wishing to hunt in a disabled person accessible blind must present

proper documentation to the check station staff. Quotas will vary with amount of available water. Hunters will have a choice of areas until quotas are filled. Refills will be allowed until 1:00 p.m. only. For information, phone (661)725-2767 or for waterfowl hunt results, (661) 725-6504.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the regular pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and pheasants. There shall be no hunting of common snipe.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

#### **(4) Merced National Wildlife Refuge.**

##### **Type A area**

**Location and Access:** Approximately sixteen miles southwest of the city of Merced. From Merced, travel south seven miles on Highway 59 to Sandy Mush Road, then west (right) nine miles on Sandy Mush Road to the checking station. From Los Baños, travel east on Highway 152 to the junction of Highway 59, then north (left) seven miles to Sandy Mush Road, then west (left) nine miles to checking station. Blinds: Fourteen double blinds, and three triple blinds including two goose pits. The goose pits will not open until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits will be issued to reservation holders starting two hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the Los Baños Wildlife Area checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. Each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the available blind. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the

first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number or when signing in as a party on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. The daily quota of hunters shall be filled by reservation, lottery and first-come, first-served hunters, and there will be no refilling of vacancies when hunters leave the area. No one will be checked in after starting shoot time. Hunters must check out of the area by 1:30 p.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 37, plus up to two persons in the blind reserved for persons with disabilities. For information, phone (209) 826-0463 (DFG) or (209) 826-3508 (FWS).

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays and Wednesdays during waterfowl season.

(C) Shooting Hours: Waterfowl shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. There shall be no hunting of common snipe.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(F) Bicycles: Allowed.

(G) **Reservations:** Each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons, if two-person blinds are available. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(H) Special Restrictions: Hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

#### **(5) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.**

##### **Type A area**

**NOTE:** On Saturday, December 10, 2005 all blinds are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free-roam areas, (contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 934-2801 for information).

**Location and Access:** Approximately seven miles south of Willows. From Willows travel south on Interstate 5 about seven miles to the junction with the Princeton offramp; turn east, proceed one mile to checking station. From Maxwell travel north on Interstate 5 for eight miles; turn east (right) on the Princeton offramp and proceed one mile to checking station. Caution: Chest waders are highly recommended. **Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season the checking station will be open at least two and one-half hours before shooting time and begin issuing permits to reservation holders. **Reservations**

must be presented at the checking station by one and one-half hours before shooting time. Non-reserved entry permits will be issued at the checking station on hunting day. Hunters without reservations may register at the checking station for a drawing. The drawing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day. On the drawing results will establish the order of sale of entry permits to fill existing vacancies in the hunter quota. Non-reservation hunters arriving after 8:00 p.m. will be assigned the next available number. Hunters must be present when these numbers are called. Parking area gates and checking station will open at 6:00 p.m. the day before the hunt. No reservations will be issued for the first Monday of the pheasant season, when only pheasants may be hunted. Hunters may register for a drawing on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A drawing will be held on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Lottery procedures will be followed. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 46 blinds (4-person) with a maximum capacity of 184, including juniors. 75 in non-blind area. Juniors need not be present to receive a lottery or a first-come, first-served number. During the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. For information call (530) 934-2801.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: The first Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

(E) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(G) **Reservations:** Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within 100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

## **(6) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.**

### **Type A area.**

#### **San Luis and Blue Goose Units.**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 10 miles north of the town of Los Baños. Hunting permits are issued at the Department of Fish and Game's Salt Slough Unit checking station on Wolfson Road. From Highway 152 in Los Baños, turn north on Highway 165 and proceed 6.5 miles north, turn right onto Wolfson Road and proceed one mile to the checking station on the left side of the road. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits for reservation holders will be issued starting two and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have an adult license. In blind areas each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the available blind. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt on that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number, or when signing in as a party on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 116 maximum.

#### **West Bear Creek Unit.**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 15 miles north of the town of Los Baños, on Highway 165. Hunting permits are issued at the Department of Fish and Game's, Salt Slough Unit checking station on Wolfson Road. From Highway 152 in Los Baños, turn north on Highway 165 and proceed 6.5 miles north, turn right onto Wolfson Road and proceed one mile to the checking station on the left side of the road. **Reservations:** Available

during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits for reservation holders will be issued starting two and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. For "free roam" areas, each lottery number may allow entry of up to six persons including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. No more than two may be hunters who have an adult license. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number, or when signing in as a party, on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 36 maximum.

#### **Freitas Unit, North Entrance.**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 6 miles northeast of the town of Gustine, where Highway 140 crosses the San Joaquin River. Access is by boat only. Hunting permits are issued at the Kesterson Unit checking station. From Gustine proceed east on Highway 140, approximately 4 miles and turn right at the checking station entrance located immediately off Highway 140. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits for reservation holders will be issued starting at 6:00 p.m. the evening before each shoot day, until 3:00 a.m. on the morning of the hunt. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does

not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. Each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the boat or a maximum of four including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will be banned from hunting for that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number, or when signing in as a party, on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. Non-reservation hunters will be issued permits, after hunters with reservations between 3:00 a.m. and shooting time. No permits will be issued between shooting time and 11:00 a.m. Permits to fill vacancies will be issued after 11:00 a.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 15 boats, with a maximum of 4 hunters per boat.

#### **Freitas Unit, South Entrance.**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 13 miles north of the town of Los Baños, where Highway 165 crosses Salt Slough. Access is by boat only. Hunting permits are issued at the Department of Fish and Game's, Salt Slough Unit checking station on Wolfsen Road. From Highway 152 in Los Baños, turn north on Highway 165 and proceed 6.5 miles north, turn right onto Wolfsen Road and proceed one mile to the checking station on the left side of the road. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits for reservation holders will be issued starting at 6:00 p.m. the evening before each shoot day, until 3:00 a.m. on the morning of the hunt. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. Each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the boat or a maximum of four including the person that was issued the valid lottery number. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration

deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number, or when signing in as a party, on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. Non-reservation hunters will be issued permits, after hunters with reservations between 3:00 a.m. and shooting time. No permits will be issued between shooting time and 11:00 a.m. Permits to fill vacancies will be issued after 11:00 a.m. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 15 boats, with a maximum of 4 persons per boat.

#### **Kesterson Unit.**

**Location and Access:** Approximately 4 miles northeast of the town of Gustine on Highway 140. From Gustine proceed east on Highway 140, approximately 4 miles and turn right at the checking station entrance located immediately off Highway 140. **Reservations:** Available during waterfowl season. **Checking Station:** Permits for reservation holders will be issued starting two and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station by one and one-half hours before shooting time. **Reservations** will expire after this time. Hunters without reservations may register in person at the checking station between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. the evening before each hunt day for a lottery drawing to be held shortly after 9:00 p.m., to establish the order of issuance of permits to fill vacancies after reservation holders on the morning of the hunt. The Kesterson, China Island and Freitas lottery will be combined as it is at Salt Slough and hunters will make their area choice at the time they obtain their permits. Each potential hunter including juniors (if accompanied by a responsible adult) must register in person to participate in the lottery. A hunting partner does not have to be present for the registration, nor be a lottery participant. Each lottery number may allow entry of up to the capacity of the available blinds. If a person's name appears more than once in the drawing, he will be eliminated from the draw and will not be allowed to hunt that day. Persons arriving after the 9:00 p.m. lottery registration deadline will be added to the list on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons signing in on the first-come, first-served list must sign in as a party or as an individual. All hunters entering on the same reservation, lottery number, or when signing in as a party, on the first-come, first-served list must use the same hunting assignment. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** 73 maximum in the waterfowl spaced blind area: A free roam pheasant hunting area adjacent to Highway 140 will be available during

the first two days of pheasant season, and in the waterfowl blind area on the first Monday of the pheasant season, by permits issued at the Kesterson Unit checking station. In the Gadwall Pond area, morning hunters at blinds numbered 28, 29, 30, and 31 must leave their blind and return to the checking station no later than 2:00 p.m. Refilling of blinds 28, 29, 30, and 31 will occur as soon as all blinds have been vacated and there are enough people waiting to fill at least three blinds, or at 2:00 p.m. whichever occurs first.

No permits will be issued for any of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge units after 3:00 p.m.

West Bear Creek Unit will not be open to hunting until the 3rd Saturday in November. Freitas Unit, from both north and south entrances, are open to waterfowl hunting without a permit on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Christmas Day.

For information, phone (209) 826-0463 (DFG) or (209) 826-3508 (FWS).

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the West Bear Creek Unit prior to the third Saturday in November.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. Hunting for pheasants will be allowed by permit only on designated days and areas at the Kesterson Unit on the first two days of pheasant season only, and at the San Luis Unit free roam area. Pheasant hunting is also allowed within the Kesterson Unit spaced blind area on the first Monday of the pheasant season only. Snipe hunting is allowed only within the San Luis Unit free roam area, and only on waterfowl shoot days when the area is open to hunting by adult license holders.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed on the San Luis, Blue Goose, and the west Bear Units of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.

(E) Bicycles: Allowed.

(F) **Reservations:** For the Kesterson and Blue Goose units, each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons if two-person blinds are available. For the Freitas units (north and south), each reservation assures entry of one boat with up to four persons. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(G) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Kesterson and Blue Goose units must hunt

from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in free roam areas are not restricted to blinds. Freitas units are by boat only.

(H) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(7) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must be unloaded when being transported between parking areas and blind sites.

(B) Hunt days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Hazard Unit shall hunt only from within 100 feet of their assigned blind sites or stakes, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in the Union Tract shall hunt only from within their blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(F) Blind Limitation: Not more than four individuals may occupy a blind site.

## **(8) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.**

### **Type A area**

**Location and Access:** Area is twelve miles southwest of Yuba City. From Yuba City travel south on Highway 99 for 6 miles to Oswald Road, turn west, proceed for 5-1/2 miles to Schlas Road, turn south and proceed 1/2 mile, then turn left to the checking station. Caution: Chest waders are highly recommended.

**Reservations:** Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. **Checking Station:** During waterfowl season the checking station will open at least two hours before shooting time and begin issuing permits to reservation holders. **Reservations** must be presented at the checking station at least one hour before shooting time. Hunters without reservations may obtain a first-come, first-served number starting at 6:00 p.m. on the afternoon before the hunt day. Parking area gates and checking station will open at 6:00 p.m. the day before the hunt. Hunters must be present when numbers are called. **Daily Hunter Capacity:** Waterfowl and pheasants: 70 including juniors. Juniors need not be present to receive a first-come, first-served number. During waterfowl and pheasant seasons, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m. For information call (530) 934-2801.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(E) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(F) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.



## OTHER PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

The US Fish and Wildlife Service offers public hunting on other national wildlife refuges including:

- **Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges**  
in Siskiyou and Modoc counties (25,000 acres open to hunting); contact Tule Lake Refuge headquarters, located seven miles west of the town of Tulelake, Route 1, Box 74, Tulelake, CA 96134, (530) 667-2231.
- **Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge**  
contact P.O. Box 576, Loleta, CA 95551, (707) 733-5406.
- **Modoc National Wildlife Refuge**  
(about 2,130 acres open to hunting); located two miles southeast of Alturas; contact refuge headquarters, P.O. Box 1610, Alturas, CA 96101, (530) 233-3572.
- **Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge**  
contact 752 County Rd. 99W, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934 2801
- **Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge**  
(about 500 acres open to waterfowl hunting only by reservation)  
contact 1642 Hood-Franklin Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95628, (916) 775-4421 <http://stonelakes.fws.gov>
- **San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex**  
contact P.O. Box 524, Newark, CA 94560.
- **Havasu National Wildlife Refuge**  
contact P.O. Box A, 641 Front Street Needles, CA 92363.
- **Cibola National Wildlife Refuge**  
contact P.O. Box AP, Blythe, CA 92225
- **Imperial National Wildlife Refuge**  
contact P.O. Box 2217, Martinez Lake, AZ 85364.

The CA Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) allows hunting at the following sites:

- **San Luis Project Reservoirs in Merced County**  
located about 13 miles west of Los Banos. Contact DPR, P.O. Box 991, Los Banos, CA 93635.
- **Picacho State Recreation Area**  
located along the Colorado River in Imperial County about 20 miles north of Winterhaven; contact P.O. Box 1207, Winterhaven, CA 92283.

## HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AT ECOLOGICAL RESERVES

To protect threatened or endangered native plants, wildlife or aquatic organisms, or specialized habitat types, the Commission has designated a number of ecological reserves around the state. Hunting is allowed at a number of these areas when it is compatible with their primary purpose of acquisition. For information on the areas listed below that provide hunting opportunities, contact the appropriate Department Regional Office using the information provided in this booklet. The text of Section 630 can be found in its entirety in Title 14, CCR, at <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/>.

<b>General Hunting Regs. No Restrictions Except for Closed Dates Noted In Table</b>	<b>General Hunting Regs. Only at Such Times and Places as Designated by Department</b>	<b>General Hunting Regs. For Waterfowl Only</b>	<b>General Hunting Regs. for Upland Game Only Except as Noted In Table</b>	<b>General Hunting Regs. Only at Such Times and Places as Designated by Department for Upland Game Only</b>
China Point, Siskiyou Co. 2/15-7/31 Region 1 Kerman, Fresno Co. 2/1 to 6/30 Region 4 Panoche Hills, Fresno Co. 2/1 to 6/30 Region 4 Walker Canyon, San Diego Co. Region 5 By-Day Creek, Mono Co. Region 6 Fish Slough, Inyo-Mono Cos. Region 6 Oasis Springs, Riverside Co. Region 6 Piute Creek, San Bernardino Co. Region 6 River Springs Lakes Mono Co. Region 6 Saline Valley, Inyo Co. Region 6 San Felipe Creek, Imperial Co. Region 6 West Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co. 2/1-6/30 Region 6	Carrizo Plains, San Luis Obispo Co. Region 3 Kaweah, Tulare Co. Region 4 Pleasant Valley, Fresno Co. Region 4 Stone Corral, Tulare Co. Region 4 Coal Canyon, Orange Co. Region 5 Rancho Jamul, San Diego Co. Region 5	Dales Lake, Tehama Co. Region 1 Calhoun Cut, Solano Co. Region 2 Bair Island, San Mateo Co. Region 3 Tomaes Bay, Marin Co. Region 3	Indian Joe Springs, Inyo Co. Region 6 Baldwin Lake, San Bernardino Co., Upland Game and Waterfowl Region 6 Estelle Mt., Riverside Co. Region 6	Boden Canyon, San Diego Co. Region 5 Burton Mesa, Santa Barbara Co. Region 5

# Other Laws Related to Hunting

## Definition of Take.

"Take" means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill. (Fish and Game Code Section 86.)

Warning. The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period.

## Access and Trespass

Access to some lands and waters may be controlled by owners or administering agencies of private lands, Indian lands or reservations, waters impounded by dams, and other lands and waters. Also county ordinances may control the use of lands and waters administered by the county. In all cases it is advisable to check with the landowner or the administering agency for current regulations and to determine whether entry permits are required to be obtained for hunting or fishing on such lands. Hunters must obtain written permission from landowners before entering private property.

**TRESPASS:** If the land you hunt on is not your own, it belongs to someone else. Make sure you have a legal right to be there. Contact the owner or person who administers the property, and secure written permission to hunt. A hunting license does not entitle you to enter private property. "It is unlawful to enter any lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence, belonging to, or occupied by, another, or to enter any uncultivated or unenclosed lands, including lands temporarily inundated by waters flowing outside the established banks of a river, stream, slough, or other waterway, where signs forbidding trespass are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands, for the purpose of discharging any firearm or taking or destroying any mammal or bird, including any waterfowl, on such lands without having first obtained written permission from the owner of such lands, or his agent, or the person in lawful possession thereof. Such signs may be of any size and wording, other than the wording required for signs under Section 2017, which will fairly advise persons about to enter the land that the use of such land is so restricted." Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.

## DISCHARGING FIREARMS OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS

It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith. The 150-yard area is a "safety zone." (See Section 3004, Fish and Game Code.)

## PUBLIC ROAD OR OTHER WAY OPEN DEFINED

"Public road or other way open", particularly, with respect to safety regulations, includes any roads, dirt or otherwise, trails, open fields, parking lots, etc., open to public access.

## PROHIBITION ON LOADED RIFLE OR SHOTGUN IN VEHICLE

It is always unlawful to: Place on, or carry or possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public. A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine.\* The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. Fish and Game Code Section 2006.

**\*NOTE: Hunters should be aware that subdivisions (a) and (g) of Section 12031 of the Penal Code provide that:**

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), (c) or (d), every person who carries a loaded firearm on his or her person or in a vehicle while in any public place or on any public street in an incorporated city or in any public place or on any public street in a prohibited area of unincorporated territory is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(g) A firearm shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell, consisting of a case which holds a charge of powder and a bullet or shot, in, or attached in any manner to, the firearm, including, but not limited to, in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip thereof attached to the firearm; except that a muzzle-loader firearm shall be deemed to be loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder.

## **LITTER**

It is unlawful to deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, rubbish, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird. (Section 5652, Fish and Game Code.)

## **SAFETY**

It is always unlawful to: Place on, or carry or possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle or conveyance or its attachments on any public road or other way open to the public; Hunt while intoxicated; Shoot at any game bird from a powerboat, sailboat, motor vehicle, or aircraft while under power or still moving from use of sail or motor (See Section 251); Shoot any firearm from or upon a public road or highway.

## **FIREARMS**

It is always unlawful to: Fail to send a complete written report to the Department within 48 hours after killing or wounding while hunting, any human being, or domestic animal belonging to another, or after witnessing such killing or wounding; Use a shotgun larger than 10 gauge; Use, for the taking of any game bird, a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined; Use or possess shotshells containing shot size larger than No. BB in lead or No. T in steel when hunting migratory game birds; Use shot that is not loose in the shell for taking resident small game and migratory game birds; Possess a machine gun, silencer, shot-gun with barrel less than 18 inches in length, or rifle with barrel less than 16 inches in length.

## **PARKS AND REFUGES**

It is unlawful to hunt in any National Park or Monument, in State of California Beaches and Parks or Monument areas, or in any State Game Refuge, or to shoot into such an area any weapon capable of taking any bird.

Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird. However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung. National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.

## **TAGS AND LICENSES**

It is always unlawful to: Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession; Change, mutilate, or transfer any license, tag, or stamp; Have in possession while hunting any license belonging to another person.

## **GAME RESTRICTIONS**

It is always unlawful to: Use any light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal; Sell or barter game taken under authority of a hunting license.

## **RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY**

It is always unlawful to damage other's property while hunting.

# **Chapter 1. General Provisions and Definitions**

## **250.5. Shooting Time.**

In these orders whenever a specific clock time is mentioned, such time is meant to be legal California time for the date specified: i.e., during the days when California is on Pacific Daylight Saving Time, Pacific Daylight Saving Time is intended; when California is legally on Pacific Standard Time, Pacific Standard Time is intended. When reference is made to sunrise or sunset time, such reference is to the sunrise or sunset time at the location of the hunter.

## **251. Pursuing or Shooting Birds and Mammals from Motor-Driven Air or Land Vehicles, Motorboats, Airboats, Sailboats or Snowmobiles.**

(a) General Prohibition: No person shall pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mam-mal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except:

(1) When the motor of such motorboat, airboat, or sailboat has been shut off and/or the sails furled and its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(2) When used by the landowner or tenant of private property to drive or herd game mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private property.

(3) Pursuant to a license from the department issued under such regulations as the commission may prescribe (see subsection 251(b) below).

(b) Mobility Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle License

(1) Applications: Applications for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License for mobility disabled persons shall be on a form supplied by the Department (Application for Mobility Impaired Disabled Person Motor Vehicle Hunting License, WPD-251). The application shall include the applicant's name, address, physical description, a description of the qualifying disability, and a certified statement from a licensed physician describing the applicant's permanent disability. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsify an application for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License.

(2) Terms of the License: The Motor Vehicle Hunting License shall specify conditions under which said license shall be used and shall include but not be limited to the following provisions:

(A) The licensee shall be accompanied by an able bodied assistant who shall immediately retrieve, and tag if necessary, all game taken. (Possession of the licensee's tag, required by in this subsection, shall not be considered an unlawful possession of a tag or license issued to another person).

(B) The assistant shall not possess a fire-arm, crossbow, or archery equipment unless he/she is a licensed hunter and possesses any necessary license or tag for the area being hunted. The assistant shall not discharge a firearm or release a bolt or an arrow from the vehicle. If licensed, the assistant may dispatch wounded game which has moved out of range of the licensee.

(C) The vehicle must be stopped and the engine must be shut off prior to the licensee discharging the firearm or releasing a bolt from a crossbow or an arrow from archery equipment.

(D) The licensee shall notify the Department, at the regional office having responsibility for the area where the licensee intends to hunt, at least 48 hours prior to hunting or contact the department's 24-hour dispatcher at the number indicated on the license. The licensee shall specify the locality, vehicle description, and the

approximate time frame during which such hunt shall take place.

(E) The licensee or assistant shall not pursue any animal or drive or herd animals to any other hunters with a motor vehicle.

(F) This license does not grant permission to trespass on private property or permission to use a motor vehicle while in any area where the use of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.

(G) This license does not grant permission to discharge a firearm in any place or manner that would otherwise be unlawful, or to possess a loaded firearm in violation of any other city, county or state law.

(H) The licensee shall have the license in possession while hunting from a motor vehicle.

(3) License Fee: A license fee of \$25.00 as adjusted annually pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code, shall be charged for processing and issuing the Mobility Impaired Disabled Person Motor Vehicle Hunting License. Licenses shall be issued only by the Director or his/her designee. Licenses shall be permanent and have no expiration date.

#### **251.1. Harassment of Animals.**

Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal or furbearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops.

#### **251.5. Game Birds, Game Mammals, Furbearers and Nongame Animals, Possession Of.**

(a) Migratory game birds may not be held beyond the period provided by the federal regulations and in accordance with the daily bag and possession limits prescribed by these regulations. (See section 500.)

(b) Live mountain lions may be possessed only under terms of a permit issued by the Department pursuant to section 2150 of the Fish and Game Code or if the owner can demonstrate that the mountain lion was in his/ her possession on or before June 6, 1990 under a permit issued pursuant to section 3200 of said code.

(c) Every game bird, game mammal, furbearer or nongame animal taken under the authority of a hunting or trapping license and reduced to possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

#### **251.7. Possession, Transportation and Importation of Game Birds.**

(a) No person may possess game birds taken in this state in excess of the daily bag and possession limits. The exception to this is for the purpose of transportation, cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services, where an individual may possess game birds taken by another hunter provided that they are tagged by the hunter who has lawfully taken them. The tag must contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, kinds and numbers of game birds taken, date and location of kill, and signature.

(b) Migratory game birds, except band-tailed pigeons, transported within California must have a fully feathered wing or head attached while being moved from the place where taken to a personal abode or commercial preservation facility. Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.

(c) Migratory game birds imported into California shall be accompanied by a declaration of entry as prescribed in Section 2353 of the Fish and Game Code.

(d) Only one possession limit of migratory game birds may be possessed per individual after the close of the season for that species.

#### **252. Bag and Possession Limit Defined.**

"Bag and possession limit" means the daily bag limit of each kind of resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and furbearing mammals which may be taken and possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized.

#### **258. Season Defined.**

"Season" means that period of time during which resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and fur-bearing mammals may be taken. All dates are inclusive.

#### **260. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Migratory Game Birds and Quail in Picacho State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Picacho State Recreation Area only migratory game birds and quail may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Sections 301, 500, 501 and 502 of these regulations.

#### **260.1. Prohibition Against Hunting Other Than During September-January on Providence Mountains State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Providence Mountains State Recreation Area hunting is permitted only during the period September 1 to January 31.

#### **260.2. Hunting Restrictions on Lake Oroville State Recreation Area.**

Game species may be taken on the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area only as follows:

(a) No hunting of any type is permitted between February 1 and September 14 except for wild turkeys only, during the spring turkey hunting season as provided in Section 306 of these regulations.

(b) No waterfowl or deer hunting is permitted at any time.

(c) Game species may be taken only during their respective open seasons or portions thereof falling within the period September 15 through January 31; and as provided in (a) above; and as otherwise provided by state Parks and Recreation area regulations (see area regulations).

#### **260.3. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Migratory Game Birds on San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, only migratory waterfowl may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations.

#### **260.4. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Waterfowl and Resident Small Game on Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area only waterfowl and resident small game may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 551 of these regulations.

#### **260.5. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Waterfowl, American Coots, Common Moorhens and Common Snipe Within Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area, only waterfowl, American coots, common moorhens and common snipe may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations.

## Nondiscrimination

"Any person excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of the California Department of Fish and Game, on the grounds of age, race, national origin, disability, religious or political affiliation, color, sex, ancestry, marital status or sexual orientation should contact the nearest regional office of the department or its headquarters in Sacramento, California 95814, telephone (916)653-4711. In addition, you may contact the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, D.C. 20506 or a local EEOC office listed in your phone directory under U.S. Government."

## Special Closures

### 262. Prohibition Against Hunting on Portions of Frank's Tract State Recreation Area.

That portion of Frank's Tract State Recreation Area lying southwest of the following line is closed to hunting: Beginning at a point on Little Frank's Tract 2,000 feet north of the Piper Slough; southeast 2,000 feet east of the Piper Slough levee to the junction of the Holland Island levee.

### FGC 3681. Humboldt Bay

This section applies the Humboldt Bay area on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. See game warden before shooting on these days:

"In Districts 8 and 9, it is unlawful to take ducks or geese in any manner below the incoming or outgoing tidewater's edge or from any blind, boat, floating device, island, islet, or exposed tidal flat except on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, holidays and the opening and closing days during the prescribed open season except that the use of boats is permitted to retrieve crippled or dead birds."

In addition, hunters should be aware that there is a special waterfowl closure for south Humboldt Bay.

### 11016. Fish and Game District 8.

The following constitutes Fish and Game District 8: The waters and tidelands to high-water mark of Humboldt Bay lying north of a straight line running east from the center of apron at the approach of the south jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay to the east shore line of the bay including the entrance of Humboldt Bay not included in District 7, and excluding all rivers, streams and sloughs emptying into the bay.

### 11017. Fish and Game District 9.

The following constitutes Fish and Game District 9: The waters and tidelands to high-water mark of Humboldt Bay lying south of a straight line running east from the center of apron at the approach to the south jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay to the east shore line of the bay, excluding all rivers, streams and sloughs emptying into the bay.

## Federal Regulations

**In addition to State Regulations, these Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, transportation and storage of migratory game birds:**

**Restrictions:** No person shall take migratory game birds:

—From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

—By the use or aid of live decoys.

—Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

—By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement). See more detailed information elsewhere in this book.

**Closed Season:** No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

**Field Possession Limit:** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, etc.

**Wanton waste of migratory game birds:** No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging, or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility. **Shipment:** No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

**Importation:** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person. Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp: The law requires that each waterfowl hunter of 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or duck stamp, signed in ink across the face.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way—Room E-1924, Sacramento, CA 95825. Telephone (916) 414-6660 and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, 370 Amapola Avenue, Suite 114, Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 328-1516.

### **Additional Federal Regulations Regarding Possession and Transportation of Migratory Game Birds**

Sec. 20.34 **Opening day of a season.** No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

Sec. 20.36 **Tagging requirement.** No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage. Note: State tagging regulations (Section 251.7 on page 69 of these regulations) require additional information.

Sec. 20.37 **Custody of birds of another.** No person shall receive or have in custody any

migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required by Sec. 20.36.

Sec. 20.38 **Possession of live birds.** Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live migratory game birds taken under authority of this part.

Sec. 20.39 **Termination of possession.** Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

Sec. 20.40 **Gift of migratory game birds.** No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

Sec. 20.42 **Transportation of birds of another.** No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required by Sec. 20.36.

Sec. 20.43 **Species identification requirement.** No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons (*Columba fasciata*), unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

State regulations require a fully-feathered wing on each dove. See section 251.7 of these regulations.



## FEDERAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO BAITING

Federal regulations prohibiting hunting over bait for migratory game birds are incorporated by reference into State regulations pursuant to Section 509, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. Penalties for violating these regulations are severe. Persons may be fined up to \$15,000 and be sentenced to six months in jail if convicted of hunting over bait and be fined up to \$100,000 as an individual or \$200,000 as an organization and be sentenced to one year in prison if convicted of placing bait. Simply stated, it is unlawful to take any migratory game bird by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. The regulations provided below, for the benefit of hunters, are taken from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Information on all federal bait regulations, including those pertaining to agricultural planting, harvesting or post harvest manipulation may be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by telephone at (916) 414-6660. Excerpts from 50 CFR Part 20, Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Regarding Baiting and Baited Areas, Sections 20.11(j)-(l) and 20.21(i)(1) and (2) read as follows:

20.11(j) Baited area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

(k) Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

(l) Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

(m) Natural vegetation means any nonagricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years of planting is considered natural vegetation.

20.21 (i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(l) the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas.

(i) Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;

(iii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or

(iv) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

# Expected Hunter Behavior on Public Hunting Areas

There is a growing concern on the part of the Department of Fish and Game regarding appropriate behavior at public hunting areas and federal refuges operated by the Department of Fish and Game. Aggressive or selfish behavior in the field reflects poorly on hunters and is not in the best interest of the long-term future of hunting. Knowledgeable hunters are concerned with more than a single day's bag. Everyone who values our hunting tradition and wishes to see it continue should do what they can to protect and promote hunting through good behavior in the field.

**The following actions demonstrate appropriate behavior:**

- 1. Abide by all hunting and wildlife area or refuge regulations.**
- 2. Respect the space of others.** Stay at least 100 yards from other waterfowl hunters not in your hunting party, unless traveling through an area or retrieving a downed bird.
- 3. Don't verbally or physically threaten other hunters, or direct profane or abusive language toward other hunters.** Our public areas should be places where people can comfortably bring young or novice hunters without worrying about them being subjected to abusive or threatening language or behavior.
- 4. Don't shoot at birds beyond effective shotgun range.** This is one of the most common complaints from waterfowl hunters using our wildlife areas and refuges. Shooting at high birds that might come to other hunters' decoys reduces the quality of the hunting experience for everyone around you.
- 5. Don't use aggressive methods to attempt to gain exclusive use of an area of unreasonable size.** Don't make excessive noise before shooting time or scatter decoys over a large area simply to keep other hunters away.

**Subsection 551(i) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations states that, on Type A and B wildlife areas and refuges, the Department of Fish and Game is authorized to refuse to issue an entry permit or to revoke a permit and eject the permit holder from the area for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or for any other reason when it appears that the general safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered.**